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## Athletes ready for Pan Am Games

**Darren Lum**  
Staff reporter

Standing just steps from the Minden Wildwater Preserve, national canoe/kayak team member Ben Hayward said he is relishing the opportunity of the home course advantage when the Pan Am Games comes next year.

"It's exciting to have the home course advantage. It's very rare in Canada to have a home crowd so it's [going to be] such a cool experience for us and very new for most of us having people cheer on the sidelines holding up Canadian flags. We're all really looking forward to it," he said.

Hayward, who first came to the preserve seven years ago and has since returned for various events, was in Minden last week for the Pan Am test event, the Minden Open, that included close to 70 athletes. He was also one of two Canadian athletes (the other Alexandra McGee) introduced during the Pan Am kickoff ceremony event that introduced volunteers and representatives from 2015 Toronto and Ontario Whitewater, including local municipal staff and government last Friday.

Toronto 2015 executive vice president of operations, sport and venue management Allen Vansen said, "Minden Hills will make history next summer. This will be the official venue for the Pan American Games canoe/kayak slalom for the first time which is excit-

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### Parallel paddling on the Gull

Senior national member Ben Hayward charges to a gate during the parallel slalom event organized by Whitewater Ontario that featured rising and established Canadian paddlers such as Cameron Smedley and Michael Tayler on Thursday, Aug. 21 on the Gull River in Minden. See more photos on page 2. **Darren Lum Staff**

## AH braces for tight budget as result of model

**Zach Cox**  
Staff reporter

*The following are brief reports of items discussed during an Aug. 21 Algonquin Highlands council meeting.*

Algonquin Highlands township is preparing for a tight budgeting process in 2015.

While council remains displeased with the new OPP billing model set to come into effect next year, members also sought to

highlight some successes in negotiations. "I think the big deal is that we do know that the county wide lobby that was done by our ratepayers right across the board did have some effect in changing the ultimate outcome," said Reeve Carol Moffatt, "so we need to be collectively proud of those efforts and thank everyone who was involved."

She made note of one of the key players in the county's lobby to change the model.

"There has to be also acknowledgement of Laura Janke, the county's treas-

urer, for the absolutely tremendous amount of work and number crunching that she's done through this whole process," said Moffatt. "She has been like a dog with a bone on it, often working evenings and weekends at home." Daniels spoke on the discussion and emotions present at the Association of Municipalities Ontario conference that was held from Aug. 17 to 20 in London.

She said that there was plenty

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## Gull showcases national talent

The Parallel Slalom Event organized by Whitewater Ontario with national team members Ben Hayward and Michael Tayler featured rising and established Canadian paddlers such as Cameron Smedley, Tayler and Hayward on Thursday, Aug. 21 on the Gull River in Minden. There were 16 racers in the exhibition event to promote this past weekend's Pan Am Games test event, the Minden Hills Open at the Minden Wildwater Preserve.

Top left, Yannick Laviolette of Quebec drives through water.

Above, Olympian Michael Tayler eyes the next gate. Tayler went to his first Olympics, earning a top-20 finish in the K-1 slalom event at London 2012.

Right, a young paddler breaks from the start.

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## Correction

In the story *Ingoldsby resident requests speed bumps*, it was stated a report came from Haliburton County Chief Administration Officer Jim Wilson.

The report actually came from roads director Doug Ray.

The resident's name is Robert Barnett, not Burnett.



# Test event draws nearly 70 athletes

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ing for us in Canada and I know exciting for all you athletes taking part in the games."

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reeve acknowledged the efforts of everyone involved from her staff, the Whitewater Ontario volunteers and the many other volunteers associated with the organization.

"Sometimes you don't realize what kind of gem you're sitting on until people come and give you a shake and say, 'Do you know what you've got in your backyard?' It is truly a remarkable course. We're so pleased that you're here to be challenged by it and challenge each other. We hope you have a wonderful time and wish you much success in the competition," she said. "I know we'll be seeing many of you here next summer competing in the Pan Am Games and it's all so exciting for us. So, welcome."

Hayward was also in town helping organize the exhibition parallel slalom event with teammate and Olympian Michael Tayler on the Gull River in town earlier in the week on Thursday, Aug. 21.

Recent upgrades to the facility, he said, are making the preserve a viable training facility for the weekend because before the recent addition of the new gate system, setup time was always needed to setup gates.

"That legacy is just going to be fantastic for Canadian paddling and I think this is a world class venue. It's one of the few courses in Canada that are very similar to the ones we race in Europe," he said, referring to his experience competing internationally.

The upgrades to the venue were divided into two parts, starting with the semi-permanent canoe/kayak gate system and other course features in March.

In September, the venue's clubhouse, the Roger Parsons Centre, will be renovated.

This construction project is a partnership with the Federal government and Whitewater Ontario.

Pan Am funding also enabled the purchase of new timing equipment worth \$35,000.

Tickets for the canoe/kayak slalom, which range from \$20 to \$35, and all Pan Am Games events go on sale at [TORONTO2015.org/tickets](http://TORONTO2015.org/tickets) on Monday, Sept. 15.

Although he isn't in Minden on a regular basis, Hayward said many of his teammates grew up training on this river.

Hayward is among several Canadian athletes with a dream to earn an Olympic berth to Rio via the Pan Am Games.

"Next year Toronto 2015 is the big one," he said.

The Pan Am Games is on from July 10 to 26 and the Parapan American Games is from Aug. 7 to 15.

Clockwise from right: Liam Smedley, a senior member of the national team, turns to the next gate; Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid helps present the athletes; Cameron Smedley, a senior member of the national team, turns to the next gate of the canoe single C1 category in the Minden Hills Open River this past Saturday, Aug. 23.



Darren Lum Staff

Junior canoe single C1 paddler Zachary Zwanenburg eyes his next gate in the Minden Hills Open at the Minden Wildwater Preserve on the Gull River this past Saturday, Aug. 23. The open included some 70 competitors and was a Pan Am test event for competitors and organizers to prepare for next year's competition.



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# Success for Garlic Fest

**Darren Lum**  
Staff reporter

This year's seventh annual Garlic Fest was a resounding success, drawing more than 1,200 people this past Saturday.

Organized by the Haliburton County Garlic Growers Association, the event celebrates and showcases locally grown garlic.

The association president Sheila Robb said the success is due to a few changes

such as a children's activity centre, a greater variety of vendors and the new location behind the Stanhope Community Centre where there was ample and safe parking.

For the first time the event moved from the Hwy. 35 and Hwy. 118 intersection in Carnarvon.

Robb adds the changes did more than draw more people, as it encouraged event goers to stay longer. She expects to return to the Stanhope location next year.



Top left, garlic was the main attraction of the Garlic Fest.

Above, a greater variety of vendors who sold such items as gladiolus (pictured), local preserves and produce, and also a children's activity tent helped with drawing and keeping people longer.

Left, Doug Nash of Redstone Lake shows how to braid garlic with string at the Garlic Fest.

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# Prentice family reunites at cultural centre

**Glenn Springer**  
Special to the *Times*

If you're not from Minden, you don't realize how much the heritage of the area and the Prentice family are intertwined. The family has been in the Highlands since 1878 and everywhere you turn, you meet another Prentice descendant or relative.

On Aug. 23, their history was celebrated with a family reunion hosted by the Minden Cultural Centre and the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group. A display of historical documents and pictures was enjoyed by all. There were some 50 or 60 Prentices in attendance that you can see in the group photo.

The most senior Prentice in attendance was 88-year-old Madeline, daughter-in-law of Fred Prentice. Close behind were Bill and Lenore Prentice, both bright and articulate and in their mid-80's. They have been married 66 years, have four children, nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren (and another on the way), a total of 33 people in their family and almost all of them still live here in the Highlands!



Top, members of the Prentice family gathered for a reunion at the Minden Hills Museum on Aug. 23 as part of the museum's Founding Families series.



Left, Bill and Lenore Prentice celebrate family heritage at the Minden Hills Museum.

**Glenn Springer**  
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## AH candidate remains Hastings County resident

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

Algonquin Highlands Ward 2 Councillor and Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen is running for re-election on Oct. 27, but continues to live in Hastings County.

Danielsen, who was first elected in 2010, leases property in the township, which allows her to hold political office.

The *Times* asked Danielsen if she was willing to share a copy of the lease agreement with the paper.

"I hold a valid long term lease on a piece of residential property in Stanhope and I am a taxpayer in Algonquin Highlands," Danielsen wrote in an email to the *Times*. "I have met the requirements of the Elections Act and have satisfied those requirements through our municipal clerk and return-

ing officer. Please feel free to check with our clerk for further details."

The *Times* requested a copy of the lease from Algonquin Highlands and the township requested the paper file a Freedom of Information request.

During the 2010 election campaign, in which she ran against now-fellow Ward 2 councillor Lisa Barry and Gerald Bain, Danielsen had said she planned to move to Haliburton County.

Ward 2 – the former Stanhope township – contains two seats. In Algonquin Highlands, councilors vote to determine which one of them will serve as deputy-reeve.

"During the last election I said that I would do everything in my power to make Algonquin Highlands my home and that remains my intention now," Danielsen wrote. "It has, however, proven to be a much more difficult task than I ever imag-

ined. Despite having listed my house several times and having looked at almost two dozen properties in Algonquin Highlands including making two offers, my transition has been thwarted. However, my commitment to relocate remains strong."

The paper asked why Danielsen was running for office in Haliburton County instead of Hastings.

"I became entrenched in municipal politics in the Northwest Territories for many years which was soon followed by my role as a freelance reporter on the municipal beat in the Haliburton Highlands," Danielsen wrote. "For years I travelled throughout the county, covering each municipality and the county council. During that time, I became increasingly aware of the beauty of Algonquin Highlands, of the community's unique character and some of the challenges the council and residents faced

there, particularly with the airport. Recognizing my knowledge and experience, a number of people suggested that I run for council which ultimately led me to where I am today."

Danielsen reported on municipal politics for the now-defunct *Haliburton County Voice* newspaper before filing papers to run in the last election.

"It isn't necessary to have lived in a place all one's life to know how to represent people fairly and have an open mind," Danielsen wrote. "I believe that I have shown my commitment to the community and my ability to represent both permanent and seasonal residents alike. I am always available to visit or talk and do my best to resolve people's concerns or help them understand why they might not be successful in what they are seeking, and, if elected again, I will continue to do."

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## Fire and flood

**T**ENACITY OF PURPOSE.  
That's the way Minden Hills Museum curator Darren Levstek describes the strength of will that seems to course through the veins of the people of Minden.

And it's character that's been forged through catastrophe.

As Levstek detailed in a lecture on the Great Fires of Minden last week, three times the village's downtown core has been destroyed by fire.

In 1879, 1890 and 1942 respectively, Bobcaygeon Road burned.

And not just a little bit.

In 1879, both the Anson township and Minden township sides of the main drag went up in tinderbox fashion.

In 1890, all the buildings on the Anson side save one were destroyed.

In 1942, it was Minden's turn, the northerly side of the strip decimated with just one building standing at the blaze's end.

And each time, what did the residents of Minden do?

They resolved, hunkered down and rebuilt their community.

Yes, some businesses left.

The *Times's* sister paper, the *Haliburton County Echo*, existed in Minden for decades, but moved to Haliburton following the 1942 fire.

That fire was fought by bucket brigade, two lines of bucket-wielding residents, mostly women, one extending up from the Gull River, the other downhill from a well located near the base of Newcastle Street.

Picture that the next time you stroll down the main drag. A line

of women in 1940s garb, battling a raging inferno.

And it's not just fire.

Located on a floodplain as it is, Minden has flooded numerous times throughout its history.

Last year was bad, but not as bad as 1943 – just a year after the last fire – where the flood waters were apparently so vast and so deep that whitecaps reportedly formed in the fields.

Following the 1943 flood, Mindenites built up the banks of the Gull River substantially in hopes of avoiding that breadth of disaster in the future.

There have been earthquakes, too.

No, Minden is certainly not located on the San Andreas fault line, but every once in a while, it receives a tectonic quiver.

There have been at least two palpable ones in the last half-decade or so.

Sometimes it almost seems like the apocalypse has its sights set on

the small town, like it wouldn't be out of the ordinary for Bobcaygeon Road to open up and some demon to come slithering out.

And Mindenites would react calmly, but with trademark tenacity.

If there's a certain toughness to the community, it's because it's a tough place to survive.

Even now the winters are not for the faint of the heart.

And it's that brazen heart that has allowed Mindenites to rebuild their community again and again, a phoenix rising from its own ashes.



Chad Ingram  
Reporter

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### letters to the editor

## Questionable property location

To the Editor,

Our township council and our current reeve continue to astound me.

More affordable housing, which is accessible to services, is definitely required in Minden Village.

The firehall property, behind Pritchard House which sits vacant due to years of inaction by council, should not be automatically

thrown into the mix. Would there not be some better public use for that property? A park, a cenotaph?

This is a prime location.

What about the property the township recently purchased which was formerly the site of the variety store on Bobcaygeon Road?

A whole bunch more thought should go into this.

Tom McCauley



### Meeting the challenge

Minden Kinsmen Club and Haliburton County ATV Association hand over a cheque for \$10,000 to the management board of the new Haliburton County Food Centre. This new facility is unique in that it combines a food bank, a community kitchen and food storage area under one roof. This building will create a place for storage, handling and distribution of food to the needy within our county. It will provide social programs that help foster self-sufficiency and will offer a grocery store distribution method, where people are able to select a balance of foods rather than receive a pre-packed box of goods.

Submitted



# points of view

## Faking it

**L**ATELY, I'VE NOTICED a disturbing trend in relationships. It started when a young Englishman faked his death in order to get out of marrying his American fiancé. This was followed by another highly publicized incident in which yet another dishonest man feigned being kidnapped just so he could get away from his girlfriend for a night on the town.

Frankly, I find this appalling.

And, if I weren't going to have both kidneys removed just prior to the opening week of this upcoming deer season, I would probably start a campaign to reinforce that we men need to be far more honest with our partners.

Just to be clear on my stance, I want to say it's not right to lie about something in order to get your way. And, as I said, if I weren't going to be in a hospital bed recovering from the removal of no less than two kidneys, I'd probably make a bigger deal of this. Sadly, however, I am not.

Instead, I have tried my best to be selfless.

In fact, after breaking the news to Jenn, I told her not to, under any circumstances, visit me in hospital during a recovery period that would certainly take the entire first week of deer season and possibly run into the second week. I have also made her promise not to visit deer camp or talk to my deer hunting buddies during that time since it would only remind her of my horrible misfortune.

I don't think it's fair to put her under that kind of stress.

The same goes for the week when I will be out of town on a classified mission for a government agency, which for reasons of national security, I cannot mention by name. All I can divulge

to her and you is that this sensitive mission will happen during the entire first week of duck season, which I will definitely be missing, even though my cover requires me to pack my boat, dog, decoys, shotgun and duck calls and pretend I am heading to camp with the boys for a week – which I am not.

The point here is a relationship is all about trust.

That's why, when I tell her that during the opening week of trout season,

I am scheduled to get a new heart to replace the faulty one they put in last turkey season, she believes me.

I mean who would lie about these things. It's not as if I want to miss completing the list of chores she had lined up for me during the first week of trout season. Heck, if not for that operation

and the weeklong recovery process in the isolation unit where absolutely no visitors are allowed, I'd knock every item off that list.

But sadly, I can't.

Instead, I must suffer silently or do classified things in the service of my country, when I'd rather be with her instead of hunting, which I will definitely not be doing, no matter what anyone says.

That's actually all I have to say about that.

Now you'll have to excuse me. I've got to pack my gear for a daylong visit to get several cavities fixed tomorrow. It's merely a coincidence that my dentist's office is by the trout stream and my fishing gear is in the car.

Honest.



**Steve Galea**  
Beyond 35

## Curating a mountain of sound

**F**OR YEARS, Little Joe Nicholson filled the Dominion Hotel with his music; now music fills his basement on Knob Hill Court.

Once folks lined up in the Dominion parking lot to get through the door to hear Joe cover the traditional country songs of Hank Snow, Mac Wiseman, George Jones and Slim Whitman. All by himself.

Now he's curator of his own personal museum of vinyl, 17,000 long-playing discs that fill his Minden basement and take up his days. That's more LPs than the Minden library has books.

There's everything in the Nicholson collection from Marg Osbourne to the Philadelphia Orchestra to Peter Gabriel. Boxes and boxes of 12-inch LPs fill every nook and cranny in a collection Joe is re-organizing – revamping, he calls it.

Beside the 12-inchers, there are about 250 10-inch LPs from the early days, all to be played at 33 1/3 RPM (revolutions per minute) on the record turntables of my youth. Remember turntables?

There's also a rare 16 RPM disc and his 78s, the record format of Joe's childhood in New Brunswick, almost 2,000 of them. There would be more 78s, except he gave 700 of them to Alan Sornberger of Cameron to stock his collection of jukeboxes.

His earliest musical memories are of listening on a wind-up phonograph to the 78s he was given when he was a little boy in Edmundston, N.B., to Don Messer on the radio and to his mother at the piano playing Shine On Harvest Moon.

The old 78s had only one song on

each side, the LPs five or six. It was a revolution – you only had to flip a disc once to hear a whole Broadway score.

Then came cassette tapes and compact discs and digital files and who knows what's next. Audiophiles argue that the sound from well-cared-for vinyl is far superior to any of the formats that came later, but that's not where most music lives now.

Except in Joe's basement. Sharon, Lois and Bram. Percy Faith. The Holy Modal Rounders. Rex Humbard. Nelson Eddy Sings *The Best-Loved Carols of Christmas*. Charles Laughton and Margaret O'Brien in a radio play. Village People.

There's a little bit of everything in the house he shares with Mary Beaver. Joe hasn't listened to it all. Nobody could. Using simple arithmetic, it would take more than all of your waking hours for the next two years just to listen to everything once.

The collection is the work of a lifetime, starting with the 78s from his boyhood Down East, but it blossomed when vinyl went out of style and LPs became discards in most households.

LPs became a staple at yard sales. Throw-aways came to Joe's door by the boxful. Takes yours to the Scotch Line dump and they'll set them aside for Joe. And then, there's the 200 from Sapsucker Ridge.

Word spreads. My friend Paul Walker told me about Joe's hobby. My 200 sat for a dozen years awaiting their fate under a roof that leaked and ruined their covers, which are more valuable

than the LPs they contain.

Joe is giving them a new home, salvaging the least-damaged covers and saving the 200 discs, drying them first outdoors, then indoors, finally wiping clean and drying each surface by hand.

If you still listen to LPs and you'd like to get rid of all their clicks and pops,

here's how Joe cleans up his vinyl:

With a soft cloth dipped in a light bleach solution (a capful in eight inches of water in Joe's bucket), wash your way around the disc in a circular motion. Repeat 17 times. Then wipe dry in that same circular motion, 36 times.

Music has been Joe's life, his career so typical of a small-town entertainer's

that Doug Gifford, an old friend, made a thesis of it for his Master of Fine Arts degree at York University. In 1987, Gifford wrote that Joe "had a fine voice, excellent control and . . . seemed to mean what he was singing."

Growing up in New Brunswick, his record collection grew to 35 or 40 discs, all 78s. Some he was given, some his mother bought and some, he now confesses, he stole.

His family moved from New Brunswick to Ontario, to Ajax and Whitby and Belleville. A dropout after Grade Eight, he taught himself to play the guitar, practiced eight hours a day for eight months to master the instrument.

Starting out, he sang with a band, but for most of his career he was a solo act, with only a beat box and his guitar to keep him company. He followed the

money to house parties and dances, to Legion branches and hotel bars, to jamborees in Belleville, Stirling and Kingston.

Sometimes he played the clown, a country bumpkin like the Grand Ole Opry's Grandpa Jones, singing goofy songs. That gave him his career highlight, a 45-minute gig for an industry conference at the Royal York Hotel that drew three standing ovations from a crowd of 1,100.

In 1970, he moved to Minden to take a job that didn't last. He began waiting tables and singing for the late Laura and Rollie Boileau at the Dominion, and his life's work became entertaining, with odd jobs on the side.

Home was in Ingoldsby, Lochlin and, finally, Minden. There were gigs at the Legions in Haliburton, Orillia and Wilberforce, even at Gelert Gardens.

Health problems came along in the 1990s and music began to feel like a grind, so he retired. In his basement now, he works on his collection, revamping, re-cataloguing, purging duplicates.

Purging, he listens to each copy, counts ticks and pops track by track; the LP with the lowest score stays.

Folk-singer Corin Raymond sings about himself in *There Will Always Be A Small Time*, but he might have been singing about Joe, who scuffled to make a hard living from his art.

"I was an entertainer," Joe insists.

"Not a musician."

Now he's a curator.

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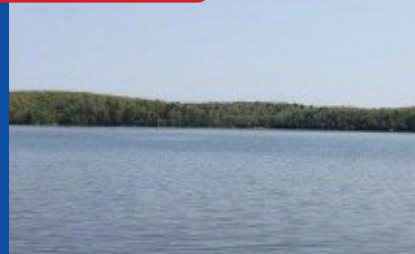


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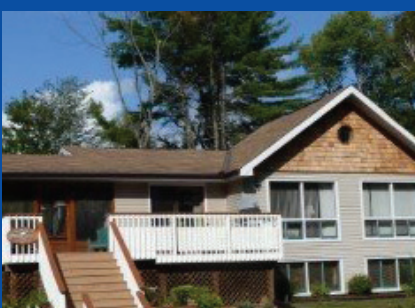
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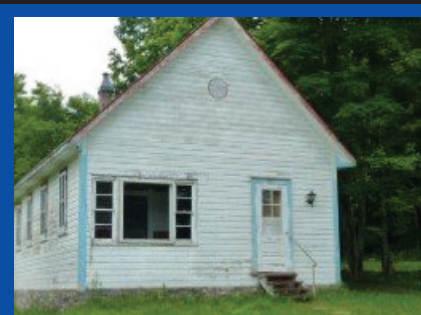
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# Report cites major hurdles for eastern Ontario

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

An aging population, desperately needed infrastructure funding and a disproportionately high residential tax base are some of the major challenges a new economic development strategy identifies for Eastern Ontario.

A joint project of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus and Eastern Ontario Mayors' Committee, the strategy was unveiled at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) conference in London last week.

The EOWC contains 103 member municipalities, including the townships of Haliburton County.

While municipalities work at economic development (in the county, this takes places at the lower-tier level), the EOWC and EOMC believe a more regional approach is required to address some major concerns, and they commissioned the 40-page report from consultants Millier Dickinson Blais with provincial and federal funding.

Demographically, the region is old and getting older.

Nineteen per cent of the population of eastern Ontario is 65 or older and 32 per cent is between the ages of 45 and 65.

Not only does this have ramifications for social services, housing and health-care needs, "it also raises concerns about about labour force replacement and the potential for skill shortages over the next 20 years," the report reads. "As immigration is expected to drive Ontario's net labour force to an even greater degree in the coming years, reinforcing the importance of programs to attract newcomers to eastern

Ontario and promote effective economic integration will be essential."

Not only does the region need to attract new people, it needs better support and infrastructure for existing businesses.

An assessment of the business landscape based on 2012 figures shows that an overwhelming majority of businesses in the region – 98 per cent – fall into the "small business" category.

Fifty-one per cent of businesses identify as the self-employed and sole-proprietor sort.

Construction companies make up nearly 15 per cent of businesses in eastern Ontario, followed by retail at just less than 12 per cent, followed by professional, scientific or technical services at just more than 10 per cent.

Next are real estate, leasing and rental companies, comprising about nine per cent of the marketplace.

Manufacturing, which took a drastic nosedive throughout the province between 2006 and 2011, accounts for just three per cent.

Stakeholder focus groups identified improved infrastructure as a major need. This includes not just transportation infrastructure, but technological infrastructure as well as human resources infrastructure, such as business support, entrepreneur training and mentoring and skills upgrading.

"There was a sense that appropriate infrastructure is lacking or inadequate in many communities and under-utilized in others," the report reads. "There was some support for thinking of infrastructure regionally, based on concepts of growth corridors and nodes, as well as cross-boundary collaboration to maintain market and fully utilize

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**A limited commercial and industrial tax assessment base means that eastern Ontario relies almost exclusively on residential tax base assessment as its primary source of revenue.**

— Report commissioned by  
*Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus*  
capacity."

In terms of transportation infrastructure, some respondents suggested the need for an integrated transportation network encompassing highways 7, 35, 115, 416, 417 and the 407 extension into the area.

Securing provincial and federal funding for roads work is a major priority, since the mainly residential tax base means municipalities can't afford required roads projects on their own.

"A limited commercial and industrial tax assessment base means that eastern Ontario relies almost exclusively on residential tax base assessment as its primary source of revenue," the report reads. "This means that individual households are carrying almost all the cost of paying for local services, including services which are provided to provincial facilities and assets."

Since 2000, municipal debt has grown by 216 per cent. Its collective municipal debt has risen from \$668 million to \$2.1 billion.

Spread evenly over all the residences in eastern Ontario, this would equate to \$1,400 of debt per household.

Meanwhile, collective municipal reserves spread out evenly would amount to \$900 per household.

"Municipalities in eastern Ontario are also being hampered in their ability to pay the costs of delivering services by design of policy and programs that limit options for participating," the report continues. "As such, rural eastern Ontario is carrying most of the responsibility for the region's infrastructure, estimated at approximately \$3.5 billion."

The report suggests a need for a regional approach to economic development and identifies three, major strategic priorities; workforce development and deployment, technology integration and innovation and integrated and intelligent transportation systems.

It recommends that an "arm's length economic development secretariat" be developed for the region in the next 12 to 18 months.

Acting as a liaison between stakeholders and tracking progress on regional economic development initiatives, it would include a 10-member board of directors.

It's recommended the makeup of that board be: two directors from the EOWC, one director from EO Network Inc., one director from the Eastern Ontario Development Fund's regional office, one director from the separated cities in Eastern Ontario, two from directors from the private sector and two, at-large directors representing stakeholders.

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The full report can be found on the EOWC's website at [www.eowc.org](http://www.eowc.org).

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The 1942 Minden fire destroyed the Minden township side of the village's main drag. The blaze started in Britnell's Bakery, the chimney and ovens from which can be seen in this photograph. Note the building that is now the Gravity House coffee shop on the right. /Photos courtesy of the Minden Hills Museum

# Minden's history full of flame

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

Like the mythological phoenix, Minden has been reborn more than once from its own ashes.

Not once, not twice, but thrice Mindenites have rebuilt the village's downtown strip after it was decimated by flame.

As Minden Hills museum curator Darren Levstek explained during an Aug. 20 presentation titled The Great Fires of Minden, the first of these massive blazes came in 1879.

At that time, the downtown section of Bobcaygeon Road was lined with shops and hotels, even a Crown office handing out land grants, a rarity outside of larger centres.

"It really was a bustling town," Levstek said.

The wooden buildings would have had cedar shingling, some with tar pitch.

Most records indicate the fire happened on March 17, St. Patrick's Day, but the *Lindsay Post* reported it happening two days prior, on Monday, March 15.

It's believed it began in John Pearce's general store.

Bobcaygeon Road divided the townships of Anson and Minden, Anson located on the side where the Dominion Hotel stands.

Pearce's store was located in Anson.

"It worked its way down and at some time, jumped to the other side of the street," Levstek said.

The fire destroyed most of the downtown core, with losses never publicly estimated.

And while there were no injuries directly linked to the fire, the wife of Dr. William Curry died just days later on

March 19, possibly from smoke inhalation.

By 1890, Minden's downtown had been rebuilt and was again thriving.

Along with the hotels and general stores, there was a shoe shop, saddle shop, post office and telegraph office, the *Minden Echo* and printing office, a bank, library and pharmacy.

On Tuesday, July 29, it's believed a fire began around 3:30 a.m. in the back of the pharmacy building, where there were some rags that had been used to clean up oil.

As Levstek explained, the theory at the time was that the rags had basically spontaneously combusted in the summer heat, although it's more likely there was some other, more direct heat source.

The pharmacy was located on the Anson side of Bobcaygeon Road and this time, with residents using buckets of water to douse the Minden side of the street, the fire was contained to Anson.

It destroyed most of the buildings on that side of the strip, burning out the interior of the three-storey brick building that stood near where the Village Green is now located.

Losses for businesses ranged from hundreds to thousands of dollars and in most cases outweighed the amounts for which business owners were insured.

J.H. Delamere, who owned the *Echo*, lost his engine-powered printing press.

The butcher shop was a complete loss and had no insurance.

Dr. William Curry was living in the upper floor of the wooden building that housed his practice.

"The Currys, from what we understand, had to climb to their roof," Levstek said, explaining the doctor, who had lost a wife following the first great blaze in Minden, suffered a fall.

Curry's office also housed the library. He was one of the few downtown business people whose losses were covered.

Curry suffered approximately \$1,200 in losses, but was insured for \$4,000.

The 1890 fire was big news, reported not only in the *Lindsay Post*, but also the *Globe* in Toronto.

And, with the downtown twice destroyed in a period of 11 years, it seems it taught the people of Minden something, too.

As the town was again rebuilt, a small white building appeared at the top of the strip where the Gravity House coffee shop now stands.

It housed a hand-cranked water pump, capable of spraying long distances.

However, that pump would never see active duty. Records show it was used mainly to quell dust during Dominion (Canada) Day celebrations.

Minden wouldn't have another great fire for more than half a century and by the time it came in the early hours of Friday, May 15, 1942, the pump was gone.

In fact, as far as Levstek can tell, there doesn't seem to have been a fire department or any firefighting equipment at all.

The 1942 fire started in Britnell's Bakery, located on the Minden side of the strip.

Initially, it was suspected the blaze may have been a case of arson.

"There was a stranger in town," Levstek said, noting this caught the attention of the small town's population.

A number of fires also happened in nearby communities – Gelert, Kinmount, Rosedale – around the same time.

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Firefighters from Lindsay came to Minden to help during the blaze of May 15, 1942. Aided by wind, the early morning fire spread quickly and by the time the contingent arrived, the northerly side of the village's main drag was mostly gone.



# Downtown destroyed three times during 60-year period

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Percy Britnell had reported that the back door to his building had been open.

While the actual cause of the fire doesn't seem to have been reported, Levstek said it was windy that night, that there were gas flames in the bakery ovens and it's most likely that something blew into the flames, spawning the inferno.

It's believed the fire began between 3 and 4 a.m., spreading quickly due to the wind.

"It was a bucket brigade that fought the fire," Levstek said, explaining pail-wielding residents formed two lines, one extending from the nearby Gull River and one from a well near the base of Newcastle Street.

The Archer family sent down a pump from their Matabanick Inn on Boshkung Lake. While the Minden side of the strip had been devastated by the time of its arrival, it was used to keep the Anson side of the street safe.

Firefighters from Lindsay also arrived by 7 a.m., helping to maintain the one building along the Minden side of the strip to escape the fire's wrath.

The barber shop and telegraph office, located at the corner of Bobcaygeon Road and Milne Street, survived the fire and Levstek believes forms the base of the two-storey building that stands at the location today.

During the fire, it was reported that a thermometer on the Anson side of Bobcaygeon Road registered as high as 140 degrees Celsius before shattering.

The editor of the *Minden Echo* was also seen trying to rescue Linotype machines from the paper's office before collapsing.

A photo shows that at least some of the newspaper's equipment seems to have been salvaged.

Also salvaged was the village's mail. All of it.

As residents awoke to panic of the early morning fire, postmaster Walter Welch made his way to the post office and with the assistance of his daughter, emptied the building of its precious cargo.

"They rescued every single piece of mail and document," Levstek said, explaining this included the payrolls for the logging companies operating in the area at the time.

Welch also saved a chair, stove and the post office sign.

A nearby shack that had been used for storage became the village's makeshift post office.



A man stands among the ruins between Bobcaygeon Road and Milne Street following a 1942 fire in downtown Minden. A number of businesses left the community following the disaster and it was said that the Sunday following the fire, tourists flocked to Minden to check out the devastation.

But the blaze took a toll on the economic livelihood of the community.

"A number of business didn't return," Levstek said.

One of those businesses was the *Echo*, which moved to a neighbouring town, becoming the *Haliburton Echo*.

The last edition of the *Minden Echo* was actually published on May 15, 1942, the day of the fire.

Having been printed the day before, its last front-page headlines declare, "Boy Scouts Plan for Summer Camp," "Many Residents Attend Open House at Outpost," and "Ninety-Four Candles on Birthday Cake."

In the May 15, 1942 edition of the *Lindsay Post*, the fire rivalled the ongoing Second World War for the front page.

"Nazi line is crumbling," its main headline reads, with "\$150,000 fire at Village of Minden," in a second headline underneath.

On Sunday, May 17, Minden was packed with tourists who'd come to survey the damage.

Levstek said while Minden has faced several hardships in its existence, he believes the 1940s were perhaps its most difficult decade.

The war meant many men from the community were shipped off to Europe, some never returning.

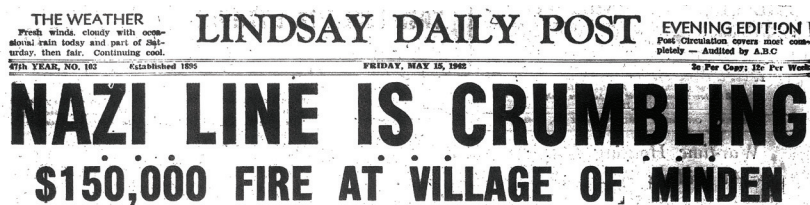
Just a year after the 1942 fire, the worst flood in the village's history put much of it underwater.

Whitecaps were even reported in the fields.

Then, in 1946, what was at the time the biggest bank robbery in Canadian history happened in Minden, when \$200,000 was stolen. No one was ever arrested.

Levstek believes the 1942 fire led to the creation of a modern fire department for the village and that its various hardships created the "tenacity of purpose" its residents came to embody.

The curator said the signs along the highway that read, "The Village of Minden on the Gull River," could as easily read, "The Village of Minden: The Town That Survived."



This was the front page of the *Lindsay Daily Post* on May 15, 1942.



The remnants of a printing press from the *Minden Echo* building. The last edition of the *Minden Echo* was published the day of the 1942 fire on May 15. The newspaper would then move to Haliburton, becoming the *Haliburton County Echo*.

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# New projects will likely be deferred

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of discussion relating to lower costs when taking into consideration seasonal residences. "The argument was made that municipalities need to be really careful with that because it could sort of lead down a slippery slope of roads and other services that municipalities offer," said Danielsen.

According to Danielsen there was displeasure in the air at the conference. "There was a certain feeling of frustration that it was done so quickly. That it was quite obvious that the number crunching is not complete," she said.

Moffatt said that she feels the billing model leads to some misconceptions when it comes to the 40/60 split. "The OPP has determined that it needs X amount of dollars to function in province. So whatever costs might be reduced in the 40 per cent they have to get the money so they'll just build it into the 60 per cent so they'll get it from us anyway," she said. "Bottom line is ultimately taxpayers are going to have to absorb it."

She was also concerned about misunderstandings when it comes to capping the tax increases at \$40 per year.

"I've had a conversation with a number of people who've said 'Oh they're capping it \$40 per property. Forty bucks times five years, I can afford that,'" she said. "I've had to say 'no, no, hang on.' You can't bill for anything per household, it's illegal to do that so the costs for policing will be blended into the traditional taxation process. Once again being market value assessment, those whose properties are valued the highest will pay the most."

When it comes to preparing the budget for next year, Moffatt foresees the OPP pricing causing issues when it comes to funding for municipal ventures. "I think any new or unnecessary projects will be, if not differed, then eliminated," she said. "I think the budgeting process will be quite the make work project."

## Council prepares to go lame duck

The Algonquin Highlands council has made preparations for when it goes lame duck. A council is considered lame duck when less than three quarters of a new council, which is the same size as the previous council, are not outgoing members. Due to councillor Gord Henderson not running again and a contest for ward 3, the council will be considered lame duck once nomination day arrives.

"Going into nomination day, Sept. 12, this council will definitely be lame duck in accordance with the [Municipal Act]," said chief administrative officer Angie Bird.

The act contains several restrictions for a council considered lame duck. Council would not be able to make the appointment or removal from office of any officer of the municipality, they would not be able to hire or dismiss any employee of the municipality, they would be unable to dispose of any real or personal property of the municipality which has a value exceeding \$50,000 at the time of disposal and they would be unable to making any expenditures or incur any other liability which exceeds \$50,000.

"There are restrictions in the act when a council is lame duck. [...] One of those things that will affect us is the hiring of employees," said Bird. "Obviously we're doing two recruitments right now that will need hiring and it will in all likelihood be after council is lame duck."

Commonly a municipal staff member is designated and given the authority to take such actions during the lame duck period, and Bird recommended that she be appointed.

"When you do the appointment what that does is allow a staff person to hire the person. Council won't be able to do the appointment bylaws until after the new council is formed," she said.

Council agreed with the recommendation and passed a by-law delegating the tasks to Bird.

## Park shoreline to be naturalized

Councillor Liz Danielsen spoke about the shoreline naturalization taking place in Elvin Johnson Park.

"Hopefully most of you have seen the playground equipment that's there," she said. "The amount of space taken up by the playground did have an impact on the type of planting that we would do."

Initially, a diagonal planting scheme was anticipated, similar to what can be found in Head Lake Park. The premise behind the staggered planting is that geese on the water will perceive the shoreline as a wall of foliage and will not swim to the shore.

"I'm not convinced, and there's a number of people on the committee there that there's enough room to do that," said Danielsen, but added that other goose prevention measures, such as owl statues, are being installed.

In regards to planting a couple large trees have been placed in the park, with a couple more to be added.

"What's being proposed now is that around those shade trees there would be some planting done that would help to anchor them," said Danielsen. A work party is being planned for a weekend in September.

A few more components have yet to be brought into the park, including a teeter totter, some park benches and some new, accessible tables.

Signage is also in the works. "The thinking isn't that there will be a whole bunch of little signs indicating that this is sweet grass and this is bush honeysuckle," said Danielsen, "but rather there would be a sign or a triptych of signs that would explain the naturalization aspect of the project, the type of planting that's been done, the root structure to how that will impact things like septic in other properties from leaking into the lake. It's really attractive signage that's being proposed."

In response to questions regarding whether activities such as sunbathing would be impacted, Danielsen said use of the park would not be changed.

"So far it sounds like it's enhanced," said Moffatt.



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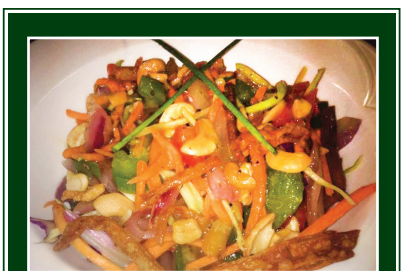
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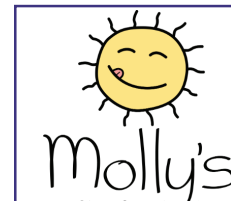
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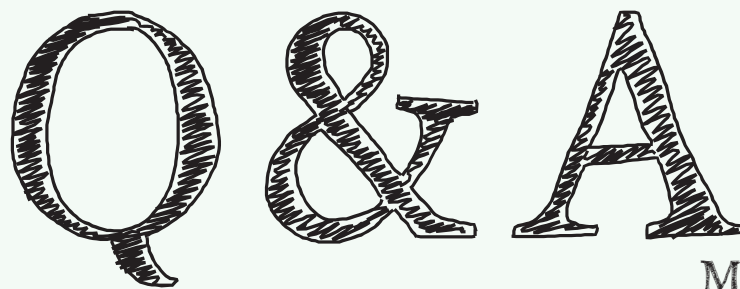
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### the questions:

1. Why have you decided to run for council?
2. What is your vision of recreation for your municipality? Does that include a pool either at the municipal level or the county level?
3. Are you content with the changes recently announced to the OPP billing model? If not, what do you think municipal councils should do next? If you are content with the changes, explain why.
4. What can be done to reduce poverty of citizens of your municipality?
5. How can we grow the local economy and provide more jobs for people?
6. What do you see as the most pressing concern(s) in your municipality?
7. Define transparency and accountability as they relate to municipal governance and how they are achieved.
8. Why has there been such high staff turnover in Minden Hills during this term and what needs to be done to stop this trend?

### the answers:



Name:  
Brent Devolin

Running for:  
Reeve

1. I have intended my whole life to run for municipal politics. Coming from a family that has a long history of political service, municipal politics is the venue closest to the people of my community and most accountable for their actions. The actions of the present council have been a rude shock to residents of Minden Hills and their actions have convinced me that the time is now to run for office. Two of my three children are gone from home, and after next year, all will be gone. I am at the right time and place in my life to dedicate the time and energy to the job, and I wish to return sound judgment and a sense of decorum that has been sadly lacking since 2010 to the leadership of the municipality.
2. My perspective of recreation in Minden is that we are blessed with some of the best natural venues for recreation to be found in the world. With over 600 lakes in the county, rivers, bush trails, etc., Mother Nature has blessed us with a list of activities that take place in the great outdoors that are second to none. The municipality supplies assets and coordination of activities to augment our natural recreational venues. This includes curling, hockey, tennis, shuffleboard, Riverwalk, boardwalk (to name a few) and the coordination of events that occur at these venues. Council should be responsible and responsive to the needs of our community in this regard. The pool question is always the "question du jour." I will say that it is inevitable that someday our community will have an indoor pool, and my promise is to support it when the public has a clear say on the issue, and when it can be done in a fiscally responsible fashion.
3. I am not satisfied with the OPP billing model. It is another example of a public policy that does not fairly compensate rural tourist destinations that

are geographically large in size and grow exponentially in population during peak seasons. The present provincial government has heard our cries and our explanation of the hardships that this will bring upon all ratepayers of Minden Hills. And they have chosen to ignore our voice. I think that as a municipality we continue to raise the issue in a relentless fashion, at every opportunity that we have the province's ear. Perhaps at the 2015 Pan-Am games?

4. & 5. Questions 4 and 5 to me are in my mind are two facets of the same coin. Economic activity and poverty are directly related. An environment that is investment friendly and consistent in its approach to development is necessary to attract future investments. An Official Plan that is comprehensive, inclusive, while still protecting our environment, is a huge asset in a plan for the future. It is necessary to have an open consultative process in which all stakeholders participate, so that the result is embraced whole-hearted by them. In my life time we have seen the percentage of season jobs decrease in magnitude. Most recreational enterprises run year round and the building trades continue for most throughout the year. As we continue to evolve our businesses and public services to serve the growing seasonal cottagers and retirees in the county, the job creation growth will continue. Job creation of all types is the best way to reduce poverty in our community, being mindful that there will always be those who require public assistance. All levels of government are responsible to provide for those that are in need, including the municipality. Council should be a partner to all those groups (Places for People, SIRCH, Food Bank, local churches, services groups, etc.) who on our behalf help those citizens most in need.
6. The most pressing concern in Minden Hills is to return the reputation of the council and staff to the position of honour and respect that the people of this township desire. Since 2010, I have been embarrassed and saddened at the actions of council, and staff, and it is job No. 1 to fix it.
7. Transparency leads to accountability! If I am elected it is my intention to livestream and provide an archived library of all council meetings, committees and special meetings that can legally be broadcast for all ratepayers to observe and comment. This along with a change in operational practises that has council do as much in the public eye as possible, will lead to increased accountability by all.

8. In any organization when almost 20 people in less than four years find their way to the door, there is something drastically wrong. The responsibility for this mess of staff turnover in Minden Hills should be shouldered by the leaders of council and staff, starting at the top. The current reeve has led the charge of her Vision Team in this wrong-headed direction, and voters should throw her out for a failure on all counts. The previous CAO was complicit in this path, and she has had the good sense to leave the building herself. The rest of the 2010 Vision Team also shares a great responsibility in this travesty of leadership. Lives have been changed, and others ruined by this mess of staffing at Minden Hills, and their lack of political judgment in these matters should be judged harshly on election day.

To add some light and hope on this matter, I can say the following, the installation of Lorrie Blanchard to the position of CAO is already undoing some of the damage wrought these past few years. It was almost immediately evident in seeing staff in the township office and around town in their smiles, laughter, and openness that a fundamental change was underway. I promise to follow the example set by people like Lorrie, and bring about honest, open, inclusive leadership back to the highest position of council for Minden Hills.

Name: Brigitte Gall

Running for: Reeve

1. Fiscal responsibility doesn't have to come at the expense of a vibrant community, and four more years where half our residents feel like they've been shunted off to the sidelines ("locals" or "cottagers") is not an option. I want to build a bridge that leads to a better community for everyone. As a former cottager, now full-time resident of the village; mother of two who can shoulder a task like any working parent before me; proud daughter-in-law of a retired artist who lives with us half the year; and current seated councillor who stands up for what is right, I believe I can build that bridge.



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In July, I withdrew from another term in Ward 1 and asked the people of Minden Hills to vote for me as reeve because of what I was not hearing from the other candidates: a respectful balance of priorities for our community.

2. We're facing a critical situation right now with the S.G. Nesbitt arena requiring at least \$2.4 million in retrofits just to keep it going for another eight to 10 years. It's not out of the question, but in my opinion, \$2.4 million to maintain a status-quo that doesn't fully serve our aging, family, and business community - is not responsible. I would encourage council to consider what we as a community look like not only today, but five, ten and 20 years from now. The idea that a multi-use recreational facility might include a pool needs to be a part of the discussion, but more research is required. Could it be phased in? What are the current year on year operational costs for the arena? For us to decide how we want to move forward, we need to consider all of the information before we make that decision. Together.
3. I recently had the opportunity to speak with Minister Yasir Naqvi and asked if a future draft might take into account communities like ours, with substantial seasonal populations who are not in their homes more than half the year. The answer was no, as this could set a precedent.

The amount you will pay for OPP policing is expected to double over the next five years. Most of this cost will be fixed, and part will be based on actual calls. Compared to established models, replacing OPP service with our own police force will not necessarily be cheaper, but no option should be off the table. We also need to continue lobbying the Province to do better, but in the meantime, other communities have begun developing toolkits for their residents to understand the ways in which they can help reduce on-demand costs. I believe we should be doing the same.

4. I believe that a lack of public transit is the No. 1 barrier to employment in the county. A lot of jobs go begging because the people who could fill them have no way to get there, so I would encourage county council to explore the idea of a modest, closed loop public transit system - again. This has been tried in the past, but just because something hasn't worked, doesn't mean it can't now. As long as it remains an issue, we should keep trying to find a solution. Public/private partnerships are becoming more successful, and with recent models such as the TROUT (The Rural Overland Utility Transit) in Highlands East and Hastings County, I think we need to start this conversation again.
5. Tourism is our No. 1 industry. I believe we need to do more to promote, market, and develop our nature-based assets in order to attract like-minded businesses and experiential tourism opportunities.

Additionally, I believe we should be having a more proactive discussion about the fact that we have not one, but two economic centres within the municipality. Carnarvon sits on the corner of the busiest intersection in the County (Hwy 118 & 35), and as a result of the very successful farmers market, businesses are expanding and growing there. As a 'border town' (Carnarvon straddles both Minden Hills and Algonquin Highlands) I would like to reach out to the business community, residents and our neighbouring municipality to explore ways in which we can continue to encourage more growth.

6. As our community continues to grow and change, we will need to work better at balancing our financial and cultural needs. As a blended community, just like a family, we all come to the table with differing demands. Many members of our seasonal population have identified that they wish to retire here. How do we prepare for, and work toward facilitating that? We have a critical need for affordable seniors housing as well. Youth and family retention is crucial in order to sustain our tourism based economy and support an aging population. We need to ensure that employment, year round recreational opportunities and quality of life are included within our long term strategic plan as a community.

The council you elect in 2015 will need to consider and balance these varying demands in order to grow in a sustainable, inclusive, and harmonious direction.

7. Transparency means that all of council has access to the relevant information needed to make a decision. It means that ideas are brought to the council table for discussion before they are acted upon by individuals.

Accountability means there is a mechanism in place whereby someone may be held to task for wrongdoing. Minden Hills has a Code of Conduct for council, but we do not have an Integrity Commissioner who can enforce it. Without any such official mechanism in place, I stood up in public last year and read a letter signed by five members of council to make clear that we felt certain public comments made by the reeve were unacceptable, and that council did not condone these statements. While I cannot speak about matters discussed in closed session, I sincerely hope that council will have access to a better mechanism of accountability in future.

8. Many staff have left recently, some for reasons which may never be known publicly, but I believe the style of governance of the last few years has a lot to do with it. This environment has severed appropriate lines of communication between council and staff, and bred resentment and mistrust. A lack of inclusion can also lead to inappropriate closed-door interference, leading to burnout and frustration.

Last month, council pushed back when we voted to enact a motion which I tabled to realign the personnel committee with its term of reference. Minden Hills is not a private company beholden to its shareholders only for the bottom line, it is a public corporation whose job it is to deliver services that enhance quality of life. Trust and mutual respect is paramount in order to achieve that.



Name:  
Barb Reid

Running for:  
Reeve

1. I think Minden Hills has untapped potential and a very bright future. We value our rural way of life and beautiful surroundings and we need to protect and care for that. We have a small tax base of only 6,000 households so we need to be very selective about future financial commitments and manage costs effectively.

I am very happy about how much better our downtown looks now compared to four years ago and how much has been accomplished during this last term of council.

However, there is more to be done - and more improvements on the way. I am running for re-election because I have the experience as reeve to lead council in seeing these positive changes happen for the community.

2. I think we need to do a better job of marketing the recreation opportunities we already have and make more use of the wonderful facilities we have in Minden - the fairgrounds, trails, parks, arena, etc.

While it would be wonderful to have an indoor pool and a brand new recreation facility, I am concerned that our tax base is too small to pay the almost certain annual subsidy required to operate it. We may be able to find funding to build the facility, but experiences in other small municipalities show that the ongoing costs to maintain these facilities are difficult for taxpayers to fund. We also need to bear in mind that 58 per cent of our households in Minden Hills are seasonal residents who might not be keen to pay for something they won't use very often. If the county agreed to fund the operating subsidy for a new recreation facility with a pool then it might be possible but with 65 per cent of total county households being seasonal residents, we would need the support of seasonal residents for this type of investment.

3. I am very disappointed with the new OPP billing

model because our policing costs will more than double over the next five years with no change in service. This means we are essentially paying for policing elsewhere. I am disappointed that the government has made so little progress on addressing the overall costs of policing which is a big issue. I will follow closely the feasibility studies that some of our neighbours in cottage country are undertaking to see if our own police force is a viable option.

4. Jobs are an essential part of poverty reduction. Minden has seen significant growth in light industry over the past four years with the construction of Canadian Tire and Dairy Queen stores. Retailers watch where new investments are being made and I believe we will have more companies taking an interest in Minden which means more jobs.
5. The local economy grows when the private sector feels confident about making investments. We have made great progress there over the last term of council on making our downtown look appealing and prosperous and we need to continue to focus on that. Investors go where they feel and sense optimism and nice-looking stores and cleaned-up buildings make a good impression.

The housing study done last year at the county projects that up to 5,000 seasonal residents will move to the county over the next 10 years. These people will become more regular consumers of local goods and services which will create demand. I believe there is a market for a retirement home in Minden and I will continue my efforts with the developer/operator community. A retirement home would bring jobs in health care, food service and recreation.

6. I see the most pressing concern as the seasonal vulnerability of so many of our businesses and the people they employ. We need to continue to market Minden as a good place to live through a focus in the media about the good things in Minden and Haliburton County. We could take a more pro-active approach to market Minden to retirees through organizations like CARP.
7. Accessibility means open access to people and information while transparency means clarity. Most members of council are available by email which greatly improves accessibility for members of the public and staff as well. Our new website is updated daily by municipal staff. Council agendas, staff reports, meeting dates, daily news items, etc. are clearly identified. Contact information for council and staff is provided.

Municipal councillors and staff need to be careful in releasing any information that could be considered a violation of federal and provincial privacy legislation. If a request for information is declined, individuals can file a Freedom of Information request and a higher authority will decide whether the information can be released. If the Privacy Commissioner authorizes the release of information, then the municipality is in compliance with privacy legislation. We always try to be transparent but we are bound by privacy legislation.

8. Change often brings staff turnover. Some staff left for bigger and higher-paying jobs. Others were terminated for specific reasons. If the majority of council didn't agree with a proposed termination, a majority of council could have brought forward a motion and over-ruled those decisions. It didn't happen because the majority of council supported those decisions.

At the start of this term, some members of council made it clear they would not work with other members. This negativity has been part of this council throughout the term and has contributed to workplace morale issues. Each member of the new council needs to make a commitment to put personal differences aside and work together as a team.

While staff turnover is not a good thing, turnover created advancement opportunities for three staff members who now occupy the roles of chief administrative officer, chief building and by-law officer and manager, property and environmental.

Name: Rick Ashall

Running for: Deputy Reeve



1. The role of the deputy-reeve is a very important job on council. The deputy-reeve needs to be a leader with experience to work effectively with others; a strong communicator and listener, a positive influencer on council and in the community, a visionary able to plan for the future and deliver on those plans and able to establish a positive collaborative working relationship with staff, the reeve and the other councillors and the community.

I care, I am committed to the community and I have the energy and experience to make a difference as deputy-reeve.

2. There needs to be an integrated vision for recreation to meet the needs of the community over the next five to 10 years.

My vision would be that the township provides and coordinates community, recreational and cultural facilities and programs that are made available to youth, adults, seniors and seasonal residents. I have followed the Dysart sports and recreational pilot program that is coordinating with area organizations and agencies to foster a healthier community. I think the pilot has been successful and there are opportunities that Minden can adopt from their experience.

Sufficient residents from the Minden Hills community do not support the business case for a swimming pool in Minden Hills. Without adequate support, taxpayers would be funding the capital and ongoing costs.

Although I would like to see a pool in the future, I think the only viable approach is a county led alternative with participation from all townships.

3. No, I am not content with the new OPP billing model. Fundamentally, I don't think it is fair for the model to fully load the full cost of seasonal residents.

Now that the model has been approved, I think on a political level residents and council need to go on record with the provincial government on their disagreement and the hardships the model will create. Secondly, I think it is impractical for Minden Hills to have its own police force. However, I think there may be opportunities for the county to consider investigating other alternatives to the OPP and the viability of partnering to determine if a more affordable model can be considered in the future where there is more control over the costs and levels of service.

4. Since retiring to Minden Hills in 2004, I have been impressed by the community's support and outreach for those suffering hardships or poverty. It is clearly a need for the community and the many volunteers deserve full credit for their efforts.

One of the areas where I believe there is an opportunity is to engage more seasonal residents. Many are unaware of the extent of need in the township and with better understanding of the situation may bring new ideas, energy and support. I believe there is opportunity through lake associations to create greater awareness and potentially support.

Ultimately, the need for growth in economic development and tourism in providing more job opportunities is essential, as is bringing more affordable housing options within the community.

5. I have been a director on the board of Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC) for a number of years now. HCDC has been involved in job creation, community economic development and business development since 1986 and has one of the largest portfolios and successful track records in the province. I am also a board director on Eastern Ontario Community Future's organization of 15 rural communities committed to economic development. I have a strong interest in this area and view tourism as a significant part of economic development.

The current Economic Development Advisory Committee has done some good work. The work needs to be shared more broadly and needs to be implemented. I believe the deputy reeve needs to be an active supporter for Economic development and tourism in the township. The support for creation of jobs and attracting business development is essential to sustain a healthy community.

6. I see two major concerns. The one concern is the need to provide leadership in establish-

ing a shared vision and strategic plan for Minden Hills that the community, council and staff is able to agree represents the priorities and future for Minden Hills. We need to work together for the betterment of the community.

The second concern is a fiscal concern where the increased cost for policing, community infrastructure, the relocation of the firehall, improvements and maintenance of roads and facilities will require a sizable increase in tax revenue that may not be affordable for many. I believe we will see less grant money available in the future from the provincial and federal governments who have their own debt issues which will put more challenge on townships to fund the level of demand.

7. Municipalities have policies in place with regard to accountability and transparency as required by the Municipal Act.

Minden Hills has Policy 49 as required. The Policy states how Minden Hills provides "good government to the residents of Minden Hills in an accountable and transparent manner," "in financial dealings," in "internal governance" and in "public participation and information sharing."

One of the significant recent changes with regard to openness and transparency is the improved availability of information through the new Minden Hills and County of Haliburton websites. Meetings, agendas, minutes and many plans and policies are all available online.

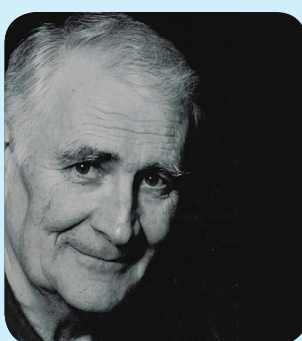
The volunteer advisory committees have an opportunity to contribute to the planning and working of Minden Hills. However, the agenda/minutes from these meetings need to be prepared timely and distributed to council and made available to the community.

Major community changes should involve town hall sessions for public participation.

8. Career changes, relocation, job advancement opportunities, personal issues, performance and working conditions and spouse/partner job opportunities are common reasons contributing to staff turnover.

I would work diligently to establish a positive team culture within staff, council and community to ensure we work together in undertaking all of the tasks and decisions that are required to run an effective and efficient township.

Leadership, communication, listening, respect and an effective HR committee are all factors in establishing a positive collaborative working environment leading to lower levels of staff turnover. My working experience has been that people who are compensated equitably, whose work and performance is appreciated, who feel that their contribution is recognized and valued and have a manageable work load with clearly defined performance standards are more likely to remain and contribute to the organization.



Name:  
**John Beattie**

Running for:  
**Deputy Reeve**

1. Some people approached me to run "as fed up with current reeve John; you are known by a lot of Minden people; and you would keep things proper as deputy-reeve".
2. As is!
3. Have City of Kawartha Lakes police our areas if feasible.
4. Keep on plugging for business to re-locate to Minden Hills.
5. Improve hospitality as best we can.

6. Getting rid of the current reeve.
7. More open discussion at council meetings with public access.
8. The current Reeve is not a "people person." She must be replaced.

Name: Cheryl Murdoch

Running for: Deputy Reeve

1. I have been on council for 11 years, nine as deputy reeve. I still care about Minden Hills for all the right reasons. Much damage has been done in the last four years, and it's time to restore stability, honesty and openness. When all council members are not informed about what is going on, where does that leave the people of Minden Hills?
2. My vision of recreation for Minden Hills is to make it viable for all the people. Whatever your age or financial ability, everyone should have that chance. Many volunteers in small towns make these experiences possible.

We have 40 year old + arenas in Dysart and Minden. When they are no longer viable, it will be time to look at new recreation centres in Haliburton County. At that time a swimming pool in the new centre should be seriously considered. Government funding might well be available at that time.

3. The proposed OPP costs are being based on a per household strategy. This does not work in a rural area like ours, as many households are seasonal and many people are not here for most of the year.

We are being asked for a huge increase in OPP costs with no enhancements to fewer people. County council has been very proactive in addressing the provincial government. Dialogue with government officials, letters, public appeals continue. This pressure must continue until we get a system that works and one we can afford.

4. We suffer from too many seasonal jobs and not enough full-time jobs. We need to attract more businesses to Minden Hills who operate year round. We claim we are "In Season Every Season," so we need to promote this. Make Minden Hills a destination place.
5. See #4
6. Maintaining services with all the downloading from the upper-tier governments is critical. Less money and more responsibilities given to municipalities from the provincial and federal governments puts us in this critical position. It's time for some stability, honesty and transparency, as we have had little of this in the last four years.
7. Transparency and accountability are musts to make a municipality work. All of council need to be well informed of what's going on at all times. Council and staff need to work together to make this happen.

Council members are elected by the people of Minden Hills. You are our boss, and we are accountable to you. It's time for this to happen!

8. Good people have been fired in Minden Hills. Good people have left Minden Hills fearing they would be fired. Good people have gone on both short and long term sick leave never intending to return. Staff members have been treated very poorly and morale reached an all-time low.

In the past several months, we have done some good replacement hiring! We have a new CAO, a new CBO, a new interim clerk and a new community services officer. We have a new personnel committee, which I chair.

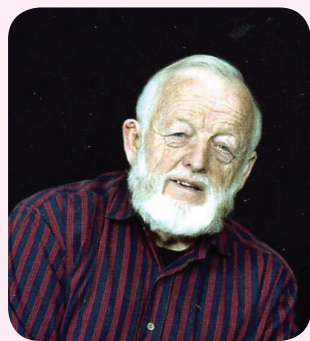
Starting immediately, there will be no harassment of staff by anyone. It's time for Minden Hills council to "partner-up" with staff again and do good things for the people of Minden Hills.



Name: Daryl Moore

### Running for: Councillor at Large

1. With six years experience I felt it was time to throw my hat back in the ring. I believe I can bring a sound decision making mind to the table without the turmoil that is presently there.
2. Recreation means all aspects of activity for both children and adults. Whether it be hockey, baseball, soccer, etc. we have to make room for all of them. I believe a pool could be in the future but this needs to be a county initiative and not put the tax burden on just one municipality.
3. No, I am not content. This is going to be an ongoing concern for years and any and all councils will have to lobby the province continually so this never gets out of control.
4. To reduce poverty in our community we need to create more jobs that are paid higher wages than minimum. Putting people back to work not only increases cash flow, it also increases self esteem.
5. To grow the local economy, we need to lobby for small and medium size industry to locate here. Some municipalities give incentives or concessions to get businesses to locate to their communities and maybe it's time Minden looks at some of these options.
6. I believe one of the most pressing concerns in our municipality is that the tax payers are losing confidence in the elected officials. There is too much turmoil. The council has to work together through good and bad. Once we get past this, the tax burden on all citizens has reached unacceptable levels. Every level of government has their hands in our pockets and we must find a way to reduce this. We also need to protect our water and lakes as they are becoming one of the most important resources we have.
7. Transparency and accountability can take many faces. I believe we must give the public as much information that is legally allowed without contravening the municipal act and with the information technologies available now this should be able to be accomplished. To me accountability means elected officials must take responsibility for the decisions they make on behalf of the tax payers.
8. It seems there have been several trends of staff turnover. First, there are those that have lost their jobs through termination which only those in the closed room session know what happened. Secondly, there are those leaving on their own accord. I believe these employees are leaving because of the turmoil with council and they can find jobs that do not carry the baggage. Council also needs to promote from within whenever possible to show employees they are not in dead end jobs.



Name:

Ron Nesbitt

Running for:  
Councillor at  
Large

1. I love our town and area and I am not liking where we are headed.
2. I'm saying we would all like a pool, but we have more important things that need to be taken care of and besides, we have some of the best, cleanest lakes and rivers in the area. We need, firstly, to get our EMS and fire department out of the congested area and out on Highway 35 where it will take less time to respond to calls thus sav-

ing lives of our people and their property.

3. Not really happy with the plan. We need more ideas to make things cheaper and work better for all concerned and the ratepayers as many are on a fixed income. More study needed.
4. Better housing. Cheaper rent for fixed income people.
5. Try to attract more businesses and people to start up in our great little town.
6. Our fire department and EMS, food bank, housing.
7. We need councillors and a reeve that can work together for the common good of our township with no more followers, just leaders with good ideas and not afraid to voice them.
8. I'm blaming the environment they are working in and the undue pressures put upon them by people in power. We lost a lot of great people with lots of knowledge and that's a shame as our municipality needs to move forward and not the way I see it headed. In closing, people need to get out and vote if you love this area as much as I do.



Name:

Jeanne Anthon

Running for:  
Councillor  
Ward 1

1. I have become troubled with the increasingly negative reputation of our local government over the past few years. With my previous council experience including Reeve for six years, plus two years each as chair of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services and Community Care Haliburton County (CCHC), I believe I can add common sense and compassion to a critical position in our community. It is reported that this current council, in spite of some excellent members, has been operating in an atmosphere of distrust, dissention and intimidation. This must stop if Minden Hills is to thrive and attract new investment opportunities.  
  
I have served on multiple boards and committee in Haliburton County. I look forward to participating in major decisions for our community, in particular, the new fire hall, OPP billing, business attraction and retention, and Minden Hills by-law updates to name a few.
2. A pool accessible to families, seniors, children and those with special needs has proven an important asset in many communities and is often more popular than hockey or skating. When rethinking recreation needs for a community, a pool should be a vital consideration. Currently, all Haliburton County municipalities have expressed support for a pool but have critical concerns regarding the construction and maintenance costs ongoing for any one municipality.

Minden Hills is at a crossroad facing huge costs to repair and renovate the community centre. It is timely to lay all options on the table for the long term. What is the best long-term plan for recreation for all our citizens? I would explore debenturing for critical community needs. Studies have demonstrated that future populations will enjoy the benefits of today's tax burden so should expect to pay. I want to be a part of that discussion.

3. No. The most recent announcement by the Province proves once again that urban decisions should not automatically apply to rural areas. In the latest model, small rural municipalities are supplementing the costs of larger centres. Haliburton County policing costs will more than double over the next five years with no change in service. It appears that we pay the bills without justification, accounting or consideration of ability to pay.

My criticism is not meant to slight the excellent services our Haliburton OPP Detach-

ment provides. I am not in favour of Haliburton County developing its own police force. The concept of local government hiring/firing policemen is usually a negative situation.

I used to be Vice Chair of the umbrella group for all rural municipalities of Ontario. I would help facilitate the uniting of these municipalities of Ontario to further argue for true fairness and transparency.

4. Through my work with social agencies, I have become aware of the dire needs of some of our citizens, in particular seniors. No-one should live in isolation and unhealthy conditions, wondering where the next meal is coming from and in despair. The Province must fund more comprehensively, agencies like CCHC who, with the help of hundreds of volunteers, try to ensure our citizens' needs are met – but there is never enough money.
5. By encouraging new economic opportunities and jobs, I would participate in a strategy to entice new investments and develop a dynamic and innovative business climate. This has been initiated in Minden Hills and I look forward to participating in a new course of action.

During my years on the Physician Recruitment Committee, retention was a key factor in maintaining an adequate number of health professionals in Haliburton County. This should also be a factor in considering the health of the economy and more jobs for people. I would work to ensure the business in Minden Hills are satisfied with current operating conditions, in particular through a business association. One of the largest employer in Minden Hills is the municipal government. I will ensure there is an open, rational and fair process to invest in local job training to provide municipal employment opportunities for our local residents.

6. The downloading of provincial services and costs to the lower tier municipalities remains a huge challenge. Small municipalities are asked to do more and more with less and less. This results in inequities across the province as seen with the OPP billing issue. Now municipalities have had to assume responsibility for septic inspections. Does this mean standards may change from one area to the next? That would be undesirable.

Provincial and federal funding to municipalities is meant to provide an equalizing factor so that poorer areas have some potential to secure critical infrastructure such as affordable housing, roads, water and sewers. There is a broad consensus among municipalities that they are underfunded in relation to the services they are expected to provide. Municipalities must work together to pressure for equity.

Affordable housing is another major pressure point and I would explore private/public partnerships.

7. Transparency and accountability have traditionally been a mechanism to combat corruption and improve government. Municipalities develop codes of conduct and best practices policies to ensure that the business of council is above board and passes the "smell" test.

In spite of all precautions, there appears to be an issue in Minden Hills with reports of tendering guidelines not being followed, council is not kept apprised of critical issues, the Municipality refusing to release documents that by law should be in public hands, and intimidation tactics. These practices have been very destructive in managing the affairs of Minden Hills. When one hears that we are the laughing stock among municipalities, it's time to take a firm approach to good governance. I will recommend a facilitator with expertise in training staff and council to develop a tool for assessing and monitoring transparency and accountability and a high standard of best practices.



8. Without access to confidential material which might explain why there has been such high staff turnover, I can only assume the usual causes. The workplace may be toxic. If Council interferes in day-to-day operations, confusion (who is my real boss?), distrust and insecurity is created and extreme stress follows. Under these conditions, an employee will seek the first opportunity to find new employment. Were exit interviews conducted to determine the cause of staff turnover or were employees 'shown the door'? Is council fair and consistent in dealing with key staff, thereby transferring that feeling of appreciation and loyalty to employees?

I would advocate for succession planning to train employees to further their career with Minden Hills. This investment provides a valuable return by nourishing the finest employees. Also, engaging expensive head-hunters has yielded poor return on investment so it's time to re-examine employee hiring and retention practices.



Name:  
Lisa Schell

Running for:  
Councillor  
Ward 1

1. I am seeking re-election in 2014 because, honestly, I can't imagine doing anything else. People ask me all the time, "How do you do it?? Isn't it stressful?" My answer is always the same, "I can't imagine NOT doing it!" Even with all the ups and downs of having a political career, after almost eight years of representing the residents of Minden Hills, I still love this job. I love this town and the people who live here. I intend to spend the rest of my life here. I do not wish to live anywhere else. I want to stay in the little town I grew up in. My hope is that my children can do the same. There's something about Minden and the people who live here that you can't find anywhere else and I hope to continue to be the voice of Minden Hills at the council table.

2. I believe the next council needs to seriously consider whether or not a pool is viable in Minden Hills or the county. This discussion has been going around for many years now and I think a thorough public consultation needs to be completed that includes ALL taxpayers. Seasonal residents make up over 70 per cent of the tax base and I believe have a right to have input on whether or not they want their taxes going towards a pool. I also believe council needs to take a look at the costs for maintaining a pool and what those types of costs would look like based on different levels of taxation. For example: a property assessed at \$200,000, \$300,000, etc.

Also, I would only support a pool being built in Minden Hills if that included an ice surface. With well over 1000 hours of ice time booked seasonally for minor hockey, figure skating, etc., we need to continue to provide the community with an arena as well.

3. I don't think we can be content with the OPP billing model until it meets the needs of our community. The 60/40 scenario is better than it could have been, but it's still an unreasonable amount of money to expect small municipalities to pay. I don't believe we should consider this the final answer and should continue to push back as a county (and larger) until we find an answer that works for everyone.
4. The obvious answer is to create more jobs. The trick is to find businesses who want to come to Minden. I would like to see the next council have a more involved Economic Development Committee. That might mean actually having someone on staff with the sole title of Economic Development Officer. It's time to move forward and be proactive about attracting business.
5. As I said in my answer regarding poverty, it's time to start looking for ways to attract businesses to Minden. For several years there has been an attempt

to form a proper BIA. Perhaps with the new businesses in town it's time we attempted to get this going once again. Good business attracts good business. We have some amazing businesses downtown whose input into an Economic Development Committee or BIA would be very beneficial.

6. I believe we have a lot to fix that seems to have been broken in the past four years. Members of the community need to once again feel like they are important and their concerns are real. It's time to get the residents of Minden Hills feeling good about their town again.

I also think it's time to take a look at our aging infrastructure and make some concrete decisions on how we are going to move forward while factoring in the need for affordable housing and recreation.

7. A transparent and accountable council is achieved by including all members of council on all issues and being open to the public. Brent Devolin made a good suggestion on the Our Minden Hills page to have all council meetings streamed live over the internet. I think this is a fantastic idea. It's time to engage the community and make them feel included in decisions regarding their town. Perhaps this includes more Town Hall meetings as well.
8. It's no secret that Minden Hills has lost approximately 18 members of staff in the past four years. It can be said that some of those people went on to bigger positions in larger municipalities, but I always ask the question, "Why were they looking in the first place?" It is also no secret that I have been very unhappy with some of the terminations that occurred and it upsets me a great deal that we lost some really good staff. Staff who had to sell their homes and uproot their children from school.

With the recent decision to appoint Lorrie Blanchard as CAO, I believe we are moving forward. We have fantastic staff in Minden. I think they need to be left to do their jobs without unnecessary input from council. Council needs to support staff without assuming we know how to do their job.



Name:  
Ken Redpath

Running for:  
Councillor  
Ward 2

1. My reason for running for re-election is to continue the work that I have been doing this past term. With the knowledge I have obtained over the past 3 1/2 years, I feel that I will be able to be even more effective in a second term.

My background is in finance, having spent my career in senior financial management positions in the Canadian Investment Industry. Over the last term, I have acted as a watchdog over taxpayers' money. We have managed to keep the tax levy increases to just under 12 percent during the four year term.

If elected, I will continue to be primarily focused on keeping taxes at a sustainable level as well as promoting policies that protect our lakes and natural areas, including pushing for the introduction of mandatory septic testing, ensuring that our waterways remain clean and healthy for the recreational activities we enjoy.

2. Recreation is important in a municipality for the health and well-being of its residents. Minden Hills provides and maintains good recreational facilities through its arena, community centre, cultural centre, parks, etc. There has been much discussion about building a pool in the area. This would be a very expensive proposition and Minden Hills and the County of Haliburton have small populations with limited resources. While a pool would be a wonderful thing for the limited number of permanent residents who might use it, the cost of building and maintaining the facility would, I believe, be unmanageable for a municipality the size of Minden Hills and would require an increase in our tax rate that would

be unacceptable. I would however support such a project if a business plan could be developed that clearly demonstrates that such a facility could be built and maintained without using taxpayers' resources.

3. I am very disappointed and disturbed by the recent announcement of the provincial government's decision on OPP billing. This decision does nothing to address the overall issue of the unsustainable increases in the cost of policing and it appears that despite appearing to listen to the arguments put forward by municipal representatives, the provincial government has, in the end, simply moved forward with their original proposal without regard to its underlying unfairness.

The increase is to be phased in over four years beginning in 2015 and based on current estimates will result, we expect, in a required tax increase of 4.5% in each of the next four years just to cover the increased OPP billing.

In light of this cost increase it is more important than ever that council remains diligent and watchful for taxpayers' dollars to insure that this increase is not compounded by irresponsible spending.

4. The best way to reduce poverty in a given area is to provide employment opportunities for the population. Government does not create jobs - business does, so it is very important that our municipality continues to create an environment that encourages the creation of new businesses and supports existing ones. This is best done through minimizing red tape and obstacles that hinder business.
5. I previously stated the necessity of promoting business so it can create jobs. One thing that this council has done to achieve this is the development and creation of the Village Development Master Plan which sets out a framework for the enhancement and improvement of our business area in the village of Minden. The early results can be seen through new signage, widened and improved sidewalks, benches, waste containers, flower boxes, etc. throughout the downtown area. These improvements, together with the removal of the derelict store on Bobcaygeon Road and facilitation of the removal of the derelict cabins on Water Street have done a lot to spruce up the appearance of the downtown and give it the look of a prosperous community, which encourages the establishment of new businesses. There is more to do in this regard and I look forward, if elected, to continue to move this forward.

6. I do not believe that there is any significant pressing concern in Minden Hills. I do believe however that we have some wonderful opportunities that we should continue to move forward with.

We have learned that Kawartha Lakes-Haliburton Housing Corporation on behalf of Minden Hills has had a grant approved by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation to do a feasibility study on an affordable housing project in Minden. This could be a very exciting project for the municipality.

There are still a number of initiatives from the Village Development Master Plan to be studied and developed such as downtown parkland, a playground and new public washrooms in addition to the possibility of an industrial commercial development.

Many economic development initiatives are in the early stages and need to be moved forward.

All of these initiatives provide exciting opportunities for Minden Hills going into the future.

7. Transparency, as it relates to local government means making the governing process clearly visible to members of the community. This is generally done by holding open council meetings that the public can attend and the press can attend and comment on. I believe that the current council has made an important contribution in this regard by making council agendas and minutes available in electronic format to the public. If re-elected, I will encourage this transparency to continue.

Accountability in the context of local government means to act in the best interests all members of the community - not just listen to a small vocal minority. If re-elected I will continue to act in a manner that I believe best represents the



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interests of all of the residents of Minden Hills.

8. While the level of staff turn-over in Minden Hills is disappointing, it is not that unusual for an organization that is undergoing a period of change. People react to change in different ways. Some people embrace change, reacting in a positive way to the opportunities it presents. These people benefit from change and its opportunities for advancement. Some people resist change and refuse to adapt. These people usually look for employment elsewhere or fall by the wayside, unable to fit into the changing organization.

Rather than focusing on those people that have left, I believe rather that we should be focusing on those loyal and hard-working employees who remain with us. We are a small employer, unable to provide a dedicated human resources department. I believe that we should explore with the county the opportunity of piggybacking with their Human Resources department to provide enhanced services to our employees.



Name:  
Pam Sayne

Running for:  
Councillor  
Ward 2

1. I live, work and cottage in Ward 2. In my opinion, Ward 2 needs an independent voice on council. We need better, more accountable representation. My opponent has failed our community during his term. Community members and business owners alike have expressed frustrations with ineffective representation. I have been a candidate in Ward 2 before. The vote was close to being a three way split. I had a very respectable showing. Recognizing my strengths and capabilities many encouraged me to run.

I have worked on community, provincial, national and international boards and committees. I know good governance. We have not seen this from our current representative. We need to know all the facts and have our voices heard at the council table. I know our community well through volunteer activities, being a local business owner who enjoys our great outdoors. I look forward to putting community back into municipal governance.

2. Recreation – the act of creating anew – refreshment of strength and spirits – must be environmentally and socially driven. We must be stewards of our forests, wetlands, lakes, rivers, wildlife and natural landscapes. These are some of the unique qualities that bring us here. When considering recreational opportunities, be that a pool or rec centre, we must maintain our natural environment.

Our social nature and need for recreation means doing things together and providing access to fun, healthy events – building a sense of community. This may or may not include a municipally maintained pool – but it should also include the basic needs of safe, affordable housing, food, education and an opportunity to express creativity.

Some days my idea of recreation is watching the sunset over our natural environment. Other days it's dancing up a storm at a community event. Most importantly, we must provide accessible recreational activities.

3. No. I am not content with the most recent OPP billing model. Like it or not, in the short term, we need to start looking more closely at our township budget. In the longer term we need to work towards having more control over our tax dollars at a higher tier of government. The downloading of costs for management decisions over which we have no control is not democratic. Whether the OPP or Hydro, utilities or health care, if we are going to be responsible for costs locally then we need to have a stronger ability to respond to costly decisions.
4. Start with the people and how they define their pov-

erty and what is needed to change that. Those in poverty can tell you what they need to get out of poverty. I have done enough grassroots organizing to know people don't want handouts, they want a hand up. The system does not encourage people to succeed. We need to create better community so those in need can express the problems that lead to solutions that work. Stronger community is necessary. Everyone can go through a difficult patch – poverty is brutal – but poverty without community is misery.

5. I would like to encourage economic health by fostering the skills and interests of local residents and turning those skills and interests into jobs. If we are going to be a unique place to live we need to create our own unique jobs by fostering our local skills and talents from youth to seniors. Encouraging our youth to make a living doing what they love is important. Think tanks and brainstorming together can lead to some innovative options. We need to remove barriers to local initiatives for our youth to create and make a living. With internet technologies the face of development is changing and that can be advantageous to a rural community like ours.

6. There are several pressing concerns in the Township of Minden Hills:

We need to change our governing culture through better transparency and community driven agendas. This is different from the politically driven agendas of some of our currently elected officials. We need to establish good governance. This includes resolving our staffing issues resulting from dismissals, resignations and gapping. We need to properly work with our CAO in creating a realistic budget. We need to clarify for council and the public, the changing effects of Ontario Transfer payments to municipalities, policing costs and varying road maintenance costs as a result of extreme weather, as examples. We need to re-establish our community chaired advisory committees. We need to change the culture of Minden Hills not just from behind office desks and the Council table, but return the common areas to the community such as our heritage park and cultural centre. Community places to gather freely with bikes and dogs (while learning respect for each other is necessary).

7. Transparency in the immediate situation is getting the links to critical documents on the Township of Minden Hills website working, especially during this election period. This includes council minutes, advisory committee minutes, strategic plan, cultural plan and other development reports competed with our tax dollars.

It appears that municipal levels of government, in general, have very few means to ensure elected officials maintain legal and ethical accountability to the community they serve. Accountability requires an accounting practice. We need a sort of ombudsman to investigate and address unfair or unaccountable actions of municipally elected and appointed officials. An absence of accounting for actions or finances means an absence of accountability.

8. Most staffing issues are discussed behind closed council doors and in confidence – as they should be. As a member of the public we do not have access to clearly determine why there was high staff turnover in Minden Hills in the last four years. We can only speculate. We do know that hiring practices have been costly and ineffective; we know there have been at least 16 staff changes in major and critical positions. We know that gapping and over-burdening of job responsibilities provide misleading budgetary health and do not provide good township management.

The current Ward 2 councillor was responsible: he was a member of the Human Resources Committee – a job he called thankless. I know there were budget wastes, for example, as a result of the use of head hunters and covering moving costs for a (what turned out to be) two-year position with the municipality. Pitiable financial management and ill-fated governing decisions must stop. We need a change at the council table.

Name: Jean Neville

Running for: Councillor Ward 3

1. I have lived the greater part of my life in this area and have raised three boys. This community gave me an excellent education at a rural school in Lochlin and four of five years were spent in Haliburton High school. I was able to return here after my training and work at PRHC as a Laboratory Technologist and create a job in Laboratory Medicine here. This county has provided employment for myself and my family. It is a healthy and nurturing environment with a wealth of opportunities and the best neighbours and people you could know. I decided in my semi retirement that I may have the ability to give back to this community by being their voice and advocate on municipal council.

2. My vision for my ward is to get Snowdon Park rehabilitated and recognized as the gem of nature it is. There are so many recreational opportunities there and it pains me to see it in such neglect. It's western boundary is so close to the town of Minden, with some vision and man hours the connection could be made to create greater recreational choices than just a stroll around the river.

I would very much like to see a pool in this county. My mother advocated swimming as a necessary developmental aid for children with learning disabilities. As well, there is a very significant population of seniors who could benefit greatly from this form of activity, not to mention swimming lessons for our youth. I realize there are concerns regarding affordability but if the passion is there and we already have the need it can be made to work. It may run as a deficit but so does our arena. There are public services that will. The key word is services.

3. There still needs to be more advocacy on behalf of our rural municipalities where crime rate and OPP coverage is low. We have a vast area not linked with a grid of streets and highways were passage is made easier and OPP staff are plentiful. Minister Yasir Naqvi is painting all municipalities with the same brush and has to be made to realize that we cannot afford to pay the way for other municipalities nor should we. We need to continue the direction we have started and together maintain our stand. There must be an entity (ombudsman) at some level that can intervene on the premise of common sense.

4. Create better education opportunities such as a trade school in the county so training skills aren't so hard to realize. Encourage newcomers and summer residents to hire local contractors instead of importing from the city. Municipal councils should give more contracts to local businesses when at all possible. This should be a mindset. We will only be successful if the local economy is. My family was poor when I was growing up as were many in the area. We didn't waste, we grew our own basic foods and yes even knit and sewed clothing. There was a noticeable gap when entering high school. One thing we tried to advocate then, was school uniforms, this levels the playing field when it comes to Gucci vs Walmart and gives those who "haven't" more confidence. Reeducate mothers and children in skills such as gardening, canning, crafts etc. as sense of accomplishment speaks volumes.

5. Answered in question 4.

6. Working again for the constituents of the municipality and not alienating good people at every turn. Creating a strong council that hears and reacts to the need of the community. Make Minden Hills a happy place again. Return contracts to local businesses that keep the money here. Continuity of staff where there isn't great time gaps where directors aren't in place and services suffer. COMMUNICATION and a realization of the meaning of the word council We work for the people and they should be the consideration when council makes decisions and know how the decision was arrived at.

7. See answer 6, as well as no hidden agenda where information is not shared or communicated to persons prior to decision making. Where council is aware of issues, actions and process and can clearly communicate this through to the outcome. Discussions, not a nucleus decision making and spinning an explanation.

8. I believe the trend has stopped, hopeful anyway. We had many good staff who were either terminated or left because they saw the writing on the wall. Many good people and families were made to leave our community due to what I believe were personal issues not performance ones.

A municipal leader needs to value people for their expertise and contribution to the community. WE work for the PEOPLE.





Golfing for smiles

Volunteer Dental Outreach for Haliburton County founder and volunteer dentist Bill Kerr points to a bidder during the live auction of the Volunteer Dental Outreach Golf Tournament event on Thursday, Aug. 23 at the Rhubarb restaurant. The annual fundraiser for the VDO for Haliburton County raised more than \$40,000 through tickets and “a number of generous private donations” that will help to cover six months of operating costs at the clinic. Event organizers announced the clinic has provided more than \$1 million of dental service since it started. The fundraiser was a sellout, drawing 147 golfers and close to 10 more people for lunch at the Rhubarb restaurant. The VDO has provided free dental care for 439 residents who otherwise wouldn’t be able to afford the service. The event included 77 silent auction items and two live auction items and had help from former NHLer Bernie Nicholls, who was at the Celebrity Challenge hole.

Darren Lum Staff



Twelve-year-old Justin Cusato putts on the fifth hole during the Volunteer Dental Outreach Golf Tournament on Thursday, Aug. 23 at the Blairhampton Golf Course. Cusato was with his mother, sister and his father, Mike, who works in Minden.

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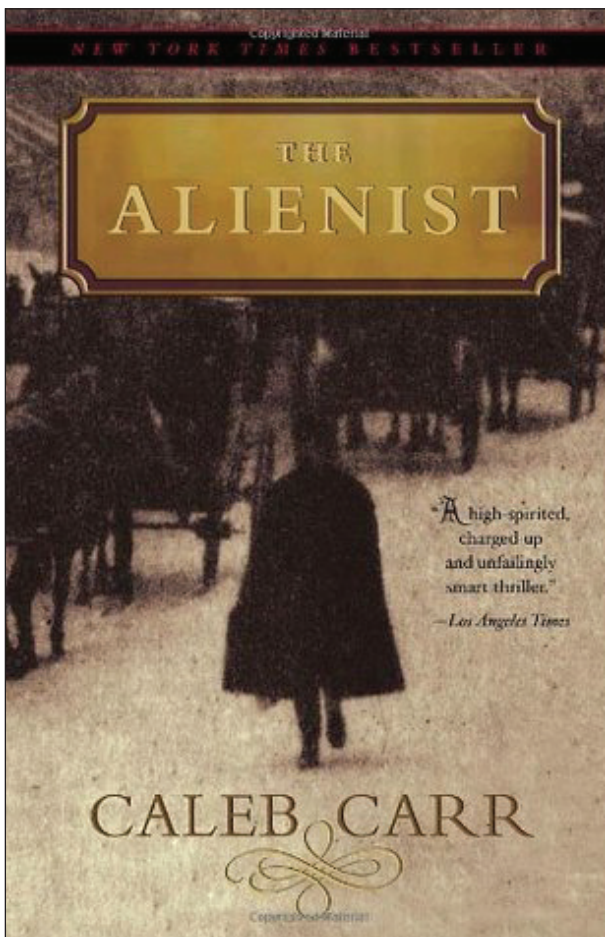


**Healthy forests**  
Participants of the Forest Health and Management tour learned about how to be a good forest steward from area forest planner Peter McElwain, top far right, on Saturday, Aug. 23 at the Sapsucker Ridge in Minden. The tour was part of the monthly series, Nature in the 'Hood: Discovery Days. In partnership with the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust and the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council, the tour showed the problem with “highgrading” – when the biggest and best valued trees are harvested – and the challenges facing Highlands’ forests. The next discovery day event is Mushroom Walk in Minden on Sept. 4. Email Heather at [admin@haliburtonlandtrust.ca](mailto:admin@haliburtonlandtrust.ca) or call 705-457-3700.

Darren Lum Staff



# HCPL's Celebrity Reader



## Robert Hill discusses The Alienist by Caleb Carr

This month's Celebrity Reader is Robert Hill from Hill Chiropractic & Physiotherapy in Haliburton.

"I was interested in an intelligent thriller/mystery type of book. I also really enjoy period pieces," says Robert of why he initially chose to read *The Alienist* by Caleb Carr.

*The Alienist* is set in the Gilded Age and a series of brutal murders have taken place across New York City. When psychologist Laszlo Kreizler suggests that the murders are connected he finds himself at odds with the police coro-

ner and in a politically sticky situation. Theodore Roosevelt appoints Kreizler and *New York Times* crime reporter John Moore to quietly investigate the murders. Kreizler and Moore recruit a number of young police officers to use cutting edge methods to close in on the killer.

"It is a turn-of-the-century 'CSI' Sherlock Holmes type of investigation with a core group of interesting characters," says Robert, adding that it is full of tension and suspense with a nice dash of historical information. The novel has "wide appeal as it crosses genres."

Thank you, Robert, for being this month's Celebrity Reader! *The Alienist* by Caleb Carr is available to reserve at the Haliburton County Public Library.

## Events



### SCREAMING EAGLE PAINTBALL CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAY

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## Music BY THE Gull

Summer, 2014  
Minden, by the river, Fridays at 7:00pm

The Minden Lions Club has funded **Music by the Gull** for the past 21 years; the Highlands Wind Symphony has overseen booking and emcees. Again this summer, we invite folks of all ages to attend an exciting series of open-air concerts by the river in Minden, every Friday evening starting at 7:00 pm, and continuing until dusk. Bring a lawn chair and sit back to enjoy a remarkable range of local musical offerings under the open skies by the river near the bridge.

Friday, August 29  
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**The MINDEN CHURCH MOUSE also heard Pastor David say that ...**Minden Bible Church affectionately known as MBC has been involved in the community for over six decades with many memories, some worthy of celebration, some regretful hurts.

So five years ago, God gave us a breath of fresh air with new leadership, a new vision, and a lot of new people. So how do you turn a church around? For some, it's a new approach, relate to a new culture, new programs, but that wasn't our approach. Church leadership normally looks at success by the nickels, noses and noise. Have you heard our offering? Have you heard our attendance? Have you heard what deep spiritual truths we're learning?

In scripture, Jesus was asked 'Of all the commandments in the Bible, which one is the most important?' His answer, none of the modern day church growth mottos. He simply said, 'Love God, Love One Another and Love the Unchurched.' That now is our mission at MBC.

It begins by putting the focus back on the Lord. When you come to church, Worship ought to be about Him. The mes-

sage ought to be about Him and what it means to love God, how that relates to my life. The love of God ought to make a difference in my life. So we put a lot of emphasis on getting to know the Lord and loving the Lord.

Secondly, Loving One Another - We take care of each other. We call. We help. We have ten small groups to pray together, grow together and share together. We have refreshments and snacks after every service giving people time to connect. We have various BBQ's during the summer, again giving people time to connect, because Family is important and we're part of a family of God. The Minden community will know us by our love for each other. An amazing transformation has taken place at MBC in that regard.

Loving the Unchurched - That's why we're involved in Children's programs in the community including Summer Camps, including after school programs. That's why you see our tracts throughout the Town. That's why we support the Minden Food Bank and the Minden Fuel for Warmth and why visitors are always most welcome at our services. Loving the Unchurched means not being judgmental but rather offering love, faith and hope. Everybody needs to know that God loves them, has a purpose for their life and that they matter to God. That is our mission and it has transformed the church both physically, renovations to the building; and personally, transforming us into a family of love.

Jesus said 'I will build the church' and that's our vision. So we invite you to come and see what God is doing. Our next big celebration is the end of summer celebration, Labour Day Sunday at 10:30 a.m. followed under the big tent by a beef barbecue and outside Children's activities. Come and join us, I think you'll like it.

Submitted by Pastor David Johnson, Minden Bible Church

Some upcoming Church Community Events include:  
 \* **Sun Aug 31<sup>st</sup>** 10:30am - End of Summer Celebration followed by a Beef BBQ under the Big Tent and Outside Children's Activities (Minden Bible Church)

\* **Thurs Sept 11<sup>th</sup>** 12:00pm - Community Care Diner's Club Seniors' Lunch (Minden United)

\* **Sun Sept 21<sup>st</sup>** 10:30am - Kick-Off Sunday for "Exploring Our Faith" including Dinner-Devotion-Discussion, a 9 week Mid-Week study (Minden Bible Church)

\* **Sun Sept 28<sup>th</sup>** 11:00am - Sunday Service with "The Joyful Noisemakers", Lunch follows (Minden United)

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\* Pastor David Johnson - **Minden Bible Church**, 177 Bobcaygeon Rd. - 705-286-1338 (Sunday Services 10:30am)

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\* Rev. Ron Mahler - **Highland Lakes Community Church**, 55 Parkside St. (Minden Community Centre) - 705-286-0354 - (Sunday Services 10:30am)

## Knox United Church turns 120

**Melissa Alfano**  
 Dorset News

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In celebration of the 120th anniversary of Dorset's Knox United church, there will be an open air community worship service in the pavilion at the old Dorset school property this Thursday, August 28 at 7 p.m. All are welcome and please bring your own pew (or lawn chair). Join your friends and neighbours from Dorset and beyond in this service which will include "old time" hymn singing.

Come out to the Dorset Community Garage Sale on Sat-

urday, August 30 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Dorset Recreation Centre. Rent a table for \$5 or donate your good usable items to St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church who will be participating and providing a BBQ lunch. For more information, contact the rec centre at drc@algonquinhighlands.ca or 705-766-9968 or to donate items to the church, call Jim or Pat Schell at 705-766-2373.

This Friday will be Allie Chisholm-Smith's last summer yoga class at the Dorset Rec Centre. Allie's class runs from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. and all are welcome from beginning to advanced participants. We are lucky to have Allie come to Dorset for the summer so don't miss out on this last chance to participate!

The Dorset Rec Centre will be open from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 7 during the Ironman 70.3 Muskoka triathlon. The bicycle portion passes through Dorset and there

will be a water station set up on Main Street near the fire hall. Please come out and cheer on the participants which gives them a great boost and helps them to keep going. Be a part of this great event!

St. Mary Magdalene's Anglican Church will be hosting a dinner at the rec centre on Sunday, September 7 in celebration of "Grandparent's Day". Social time is at 5:30 p.m. and dinner is at 6 p.m. To reserve a spot or to find out more, contact Pat at 705-766-2373.

Birthday wishes for August 24 to 30 go out to Trish Brooks, Sarah Alexander, Donald Radley, Tabetha Webb, Jessica Pulfrey and Earle Northover. Enjoy your special day!

If you have items for the Dorset News, please send them to malfano@hotmail.ca or give me a call at my home number, 705-766-0076.

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## Attention all grandmas



**Legion br. 636**

Attention grandmas and grandpas, and anyone else who needs a last-minute break from the back-to-school rush, why not bring the kids and enjoy a leisurely lunch at the Minden Legion? Our friendly crew will have lunch available weekdays noon to 2 p.m. Leave the clean-up to us while you challenge the kids to a round of darts, a Trivia contest or one of the other table-top games. Monday to Thursday we serve a wide menu plus a \$8 feature meal. Friday's lunch menu is fish and fries and for Friday supper 5 to 7 p.m., you can have fish, wings, fries or onion Rings. The branch will also be open Labour Day Monday 1 to 5 p.m. with snack food available

The weather co-operated for our Junk in Trunk Sale last Saturday, a beautiful day - lightly overcast and not too hot. There was a good turnout which generated a lot of foot traffic and sales for our eleven vendors and also cleared out many items for the Legion. The barbecue business was brisk and yummy, too. Our thanks to all the participants and our volunteers. Proceeds go to support the Legion and its programs and our community donations. Results will be announced at the next general membership meeting. We are looking forward to organizing the next Junk in the Trunk.

This past weekend was also an opportunity for the executive and officers to learn the latest information from Provincial Command regarding various branch committees. Presented by district officers, the sessions were designed for the more than 50 Branches in our District 4, which stretches from Haliburton to Beaverton to Picton.

The early bird membership renewal campaign starts next week. Members save \$5 if they pay their 2015 dues during the Early Bird campaign. Starting Sept. 1, just come into the Branch and pay \$45 by cash, cheque or debit. At the same time you can also make your contribution to the building fund levy if you wish. You'll get an Early Bird sticker for your card and help the Branch earn an Early Bird Award from Provincial Command. Plus, you will also get an opportunity to have the branch pay your 2016 dues on your behalf. The branch paid this year's dues for Paul Sekerak, and you could be the lucky one for next year! Members who won't be in the area during the campaign which ends Nov. 31, could also mail a cheque for their 2015 dues and/or building fund donation to Minden Branch 636 attn Membership, Box 238, Minden ON K0M 2K0.

Those members who still need to pay \$50 for their 2014 dues and want to renew for next year at the same time, would also be eligible for the Early Bird \$5 discount and other benefits if they paid during the present Campaign. At the Sept 3rd General Meeting, Membership Chairman Pete McGowan will be recommending a 2014-2015 Early Bird package deal for those joining the Minden Legion for the first time during the Campaign. Stay tuned for more news.





Anglican Church Women volunteer Joan Bertin of Minden places another blueberry pie on the counter with others destined for the Kinmount Fair.



Minden's Sandra Legge, left, shares a laugh with Bob Lake's Betty Sharpe and daughter-in-law Beth Sharpe of Toronto while making pies.

### Baking pies for the Kinmount Fair

Minden's Audrey Heywood has a look at the pies before resuming her "crimping" while baking with several other Anglican Church Women volunteers on Wednesday, Aug. 20 at St. Paul's Anglican Church in Minden. The volunteers produced 300 pies for the upcoming Kinmount Fair, which helps to raise money for the church and its outreach program. The ACW also produced some 300 pies for the Haliburton County Fair.

Darren Lum Staff



Anglican Church Women volunteer Barbara Braithwaite of Moore Falls mixes the dough for pies destined for the Kinmount Fair with several other volunteers on Wednesday, Aug. 20 at the Minden church. The volunteers produced 300 pies, which helps to raise money for the church and its outreach program. The ACW also produced some 300 pies for the Haliburton County Fair.

## Notice



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The North Shore Road will be closed to through traffic between civic addresses 2034 and 2050 (near Dawson Road) **for an approximate time period between the dates September 9-13th**, to accommodate the replacement of the culvert at this location. Local emergency services have been notified.

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# Kinmount Fair this weekend

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Around the Town

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Happy National Dog Day to our good girl Taffy. Here at the old farmhouse Bruce and I are recovering from a busy weekend highlighted by a party in celebration of daughter-in-law Rita's 50th birthday. At the Crystal Lake cottage twenty-four family and friends gathered around a beautifully Emma-set table to dine on a fabulous dinner catered by Harmony Farm. Along with a rousing chorus of We'll Cheer For Our Cooks other favourites from Connemara Camp days rang out over the summer evening air. Repeat-response songs Old Hiram's Goat and

The Other Day I Saw A Bear were easy for the new "campers" to learn but a few misty eyes were noticed on the old guard's faces as good camp memories flooded in. Sunday morning at Gelert's Lambs & Ivy we found that elusive silverware chest to complete granddaughter Emma's Aug. 22 birthday gift. Bruce also picked up some theatre related books for her plus one titled "How to Teach Singing" for himself. Once home we discovered it had been written by my former music teacher at Toronto's Riverdale Collegiate Dawson Woodburn who later joined the Faculty of Education, University of Western Ontario. An opinionated Grade 11 transfer student from the start Woody and I had issues but by graduation like that uneasy dominant 7th chord these had been successfully resolved.

As the Kinmount Fair quickly approaches please note that at the Legion Branch 441 Kinmount the regular Friday night Bingo has been cancelled for Aug. 29. For the Bingo fans the Kinmount & District Lions Club will host a "Monster Bingo" at the Fairgrounds on Thursday, Aug. 28 with games beginning at 7 p.m. I am told it is wise to get there earlier to secure your favourite lucky spot. Also on that same Thursday evening the Kids Lawn Tractor Pull goes at 6 p.m. in the Grandstand area with 3 Classes - Lawn Stock, Open Stock and Modified Stock-open to contestants fifteen years and under. The entry fee is \$5.

## County card scores

by Patti Fleury ~ 488-2938  
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August 19 contract bridge at Stanhope: High scores of the day went to Vange Croucher 5,870, Elaine Burbidge 5,810, Lindsay Thom 5,750 and at 5,170 Bruce Armstrong. Carol Bowker was awarded the Lucky Loonie while Jackie Metcalf and Lindsay Thom teamed up for a Small Slam.

August 19 contract bridge at Minden United Church: Nancy Ballantyne reports that the top trio members were Donna McArthur 4,580, Linda Taylor 4,300 and Billy Shuyler 4,140.

August 19 Minden Seniors bid euchre at Minden Legion: Leading ladies were Vi Howell 321, Sharron Atkinson 299, Pat Roussel 272 and Garth Windsor 271. At 315 Bob Pollard was first for the gents followed by Ron Morrison 276, Ida Young 266 and Albert Foster 223. Our reporter Betty Wagar won the major draw with Sharron Atkinson [2] and Marcy Morgan claiming the smaller prizes. In the moonshot column Pat Dickson, Pat Roussel and Tom Grix had singles.

August 19 euchre at Lochlin Community Centre: Lone hand honours went to Tracey Dyson with Shirley Davis taking top marks for the ladies and Betty Hicks low. Neil Darby was high man and Ed

McDowell low while Harold Harvie won the draw. Nancy McPherson reminds that the next date for euchre is September 16th. August 20 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: North/South leaders were Ev Morgan and Reet Murray 57 percent, Ross Fletcher partnered with Nettie Butterworth 56 percent and Irena and Alek Zworski 54 percent. Over in East/West top marks went to John and Jean Collins 60 percent, Vange Croucher and our bridge reporter Margo Davidson 56 percent and Tom Davidson partnered with Gord Cochrane 55 percent.

August 20 bid euchre at Stanhope: Topping the pink charts were Jean Scadden 250, Joy Wilson 249 and Jean Dutka 218 while Pat Scadden led the whites at 270 followed by Tom Orr 239 and Jason Pecock 232. Linda Lambert also reports that Marion Farr, Al McMullen and Jason Peacock claimed the moonshots.

August 20 Big Bucks Bid Euchre at Kinmount Legion: Rose Isaacson reports that the high scoring trio members were Glenda Swanton 348, Howard Smith 337 and Ida Young 336 while Theresa Deak and Pearl Cowen tied for high game scores.

August 21 bid euchre at Minden Community Centre: Leading ladies were Ida Young 318, Barb Robitaille 271, Pearl Cowen 255 and Dorothy McElwain 246. At 301 Dwaine Lloyd topped the gents followed by Sharon Jarvis 258, Albert Foster 241 and Theresa Deak 238. Jesse Barlow won for call 1, Doug McIntosh and Diane Wigley held the hidden score and Maria Thesida won the new cash prize. Bev Johnson also reports that Theresa Deak, Sharon Jarvis, Albert Foster, Archie Ross, Howard Smith, Doug McIntosh, newcomer Jean, Dorothy McElwain [2] and Barb Robitaille [3] took the moonshots.

August 21 euchre at Minden Legion: Most lone hand holders were Elaine Smith and Jason Peacock with Muriel McIntosh and Steven Zellers posting the high scores. The evening's lows went to Tom Grix and Betty Wagar who also took home one of the other prizes along with Elaine Smith, Helen Luffman, Jason Peacock and Ralph Young. Thanks to May Bradbury for this update.

August 22 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: North/South honours went to Nancy Jackson and Helen Baker 61 per-

cent, Reet Murray and Ev Morgan 55 percent and Kathie Porter partnered with Linda Cherry 53 percent. At 55 percent Fran and Norm Smith had a slim lead in East/West over Jim and Ruth Forrester and Vange Croucher partnered with Gord Cochrane also listed at 55 percent.

August 22 bid euchre at Club 35: From Jean Dutka the news that pink honours went to Loretta Lamb 232, Anne Manning 231 and Susan Lamothe 228. For the whites Marcel Lamothe led at 242 then Al McMullen 224 and tied for third spot at 207 were Garth Windsor and David Lamb who also took the only moonshot while Marion Farr held the hidden score.

August 23 bid euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: For the ladies Vi Howell and Karen Chapman tied for first at 232 then Jean Randell 224, Betty Wagar 212 and Theresa Deak 209. At 306 Jesse Barlow topped the gents followed by Bev Johnson 252, Tom Grix 231 and our reporter Albert Foster 223. Karen Chapman won the special prize with Jean Scadden, Murray Daniels and Betty Wagar claiming the smaller awards. Three moonshots landed on Bob Bishop, Jean Randell and Dwaine Lloyd.

August 25 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: Top marks for the Blue team went to Tom Grix 326, Dana Briscoe 304 and Vic Ballik 247 while for the White team the leaders were Pauline Franzen 311, Sam Gaudet 276 and Gala Newell 214. Rose Isaacson also reports that Tom Grix won the draw [thank you Tom for your donation] with Pauline Franzen and Tom Grix each taking two moonshots.

August 25 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Lone hand holders were Margaret Fletcher and Lorna Hicks with Nadine Francis and Maxine Snell posting the high scores. The afternoon's lows went to Kay Naylor and our reporter Tim Sharpe, Penny Catanho held the hidden score and Lillian Mann won the special prize.

August 25 euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Sherin Brown reports that Lillian Mann won for high hands, Nick Boekestyn for lone hands on a cut of the cards, Barb Callaghan for low hands and Bev Johnson for the special prize.

August 25 euchre at Club 35: Lone hand honours went to Joan Mann with Marg Oetelaar and our reporter Garth Windsor recording the high scores. Jean Dutka and Anne Manning took the evening's lows and Garth Windsor won the baloney. Please note that there will not be cards at Club 35 on either Friday, August 29th or Monday, September 1st.

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**Kalie Pik Kwan Ma**  
(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)



Kalie was born in Hong Kong on April 29, 1981 and was raised by her beloved Grandpa and Grandma (deceased). She came to Canada about 10 years ago with hopes of a new life and she found it. We have lost a special angel whose heart touched every one she met with her love and warmth. Kalie left us on Friday August 15, 2014 in her 34th year. She was the much loved god daughter of Richard (Grandpapa) and Sally (Granny) Biagi. Totally loved and cherished by all our family and many, many friends. She will be missed by her family and friends in Hong Kong and around the world.

**Visitation, Celebration Of Life & Reception**

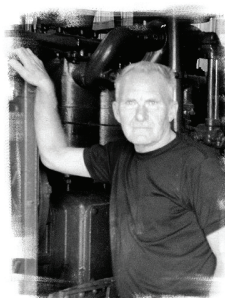
Friends are invited to call at the **THE COMMUNITY ROOM** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario on Saturday afternoon, September 6, 2014 from 1 o'clock until 3 o'clock. A time of sharing will begin at 1 o'clock. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209. As expressions of sympathy donations to Community Care Haliburton County - Scotty Morrison Charity Hockey Tournament would be appreciated by the family.

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**Grant Clement (Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)**



Peacefully in his sleep on Wednesday morning, August 20, 2014 in his 85th year. Beloved husband of the late Iris Miller - Clement (nee Toms). Loving father of James Miller, Deborah Dack, Jackie (Tim Mayhew), Karen (Norm Perrott). Mentor and friend to Junior LaPorte, Laurie Johnson and Edna McBurney and to many others. Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Maria, Tom, Jenny, Josh, Luke and Jillian and his great grandchildren and the loving Neville Family. Brother of Don and Patsy. Predeceased by his beloved brother Babe (Morris). Also remembered by many nieces and nephews. Grant owned and operated his own business G. Clement Construction for over 40 years in Haliburton County. He built almost all of the roads in the Misquabi development (Trapper's Trail). Grant was a hunter and fisherman. He was happiest in his gravel pit on a piece of heavy equipment, flying his airplane, or traveling the roads of Haliburton County. Grant spent the final seven years of his life in the caring hands of the staff at the Hyland Crest Nursing Home in Minden.

**Visitation, Funeral Service & Reception**

Friends were invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209 on Friday evening, August 22, 2014 from 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service was in the Chapel on Saturday morning, August 23, 2014 at 11 o'clock (Visitation 1 hr prior). Interment Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. As expressions of sympathy donations to Food For Kids would be appreciated because Grant felt it was important to look after children in this Community.

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That lies beneath our sighs  
No one knows how many times  
We've broken down and cried  
Days and months go by  
Memories mentally rehearsed  
One thing that remains  
We were roundly blessed and cursed  
Love is a power greater than death  
To this is what we hold



Dear sweet Joshua, you will be loved, remembered and never, ever forgotten.  
Your indelible spirit will live on in our minds and hearts, until we can all be together again. Still painfully missed.

*In loving memory of our precious son and brother,  
Joshua Daniel Rewa - August 3, 1992 - August 21, 2011  
Love, Mum, Dad, Jordon, Dayton and Landon,  
and your little dogs, Daisy, Buttons and Blake xxxxxxxxxxxxxx*



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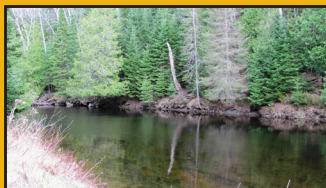
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#### Minden Home \$234,900

- Fantastic in town location
- 3 + bedrooms with rental potential
- Large deck & well cared for gardens
- Park like setting

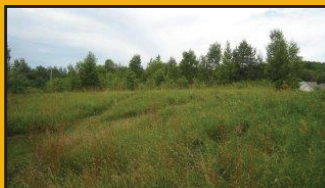
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#### Irondale River

- 7 acres on Irondale with 2nd floor front
- Recently Surveyed and Zoned for Development Plan
- Close to Irondale and Gooderham
- Official canoe route

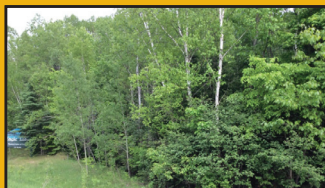
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#### Halbiem - BY THE LAKE! \$69,900

- Prestigious neighborhood
- Boat launch 5 lake chain
- Close to all amenities
- Walk to town!!!

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#### Build Your Dream Home \$41,700

- 22.46 acres on County Rd 6, School Bus
- Pond, creek and babbling brook, nicely treed
- 20 mins to Haliburton, Sir Sam's 8 mins
- Near Lakes for swimming and boating

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#### 4 Season retreat \$249,900

- 13.2 acres; Hard & softwood bush
- 3 BR home with covered porch; S exp.
- Direct access to public snowmobile trails
- Close to Minden and all amenities

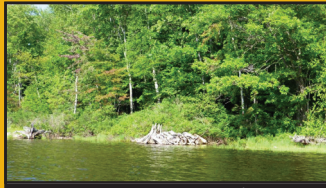
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#### Kushog Lake Acreage \$195,000

- 30 acres with 85 feet waterfront
- Off year round municipal road
- Many great building sites
- Hard sand bottom waterfront

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#### Beautiful Little Hawk Lake \$199,000

- One of the original water access cottages
- Rustic hand hewn cottage; West exposure
- Spectacular deck with amazing views
- Typical Algonquin-style lot; mature hemlocks

Ed Gibbons 286-2138 x 28



#### Year Round on Maple Lake \$419 000

- Great Privacy; lovely landscaped yard
- Breathtaking views & afternoon sun
- Close to both Minden & Haliburton
- 2+1 bedrooms, great for retirement

Andrew Hodgson 286-2138 x 29



#### Miskwabi North Shore \$629,900

- Cottage/home with 3BR, den and Bunkie
- Exceptional privacy, 265' shoreline
- SW exposure, year round access
- Double garage with workshop

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#### Pristine Little Hawk Lake \$249,900

- 235 ft. frontage with western exposure
- Deep, clean, weed-free waterfront
- Older 3 BR cottage perfect for a handyman
- Affordable opportunity on a sought after lake

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#### Private Country Home \$269,900

- Total privacy 8 acres- 3 bdrm bungalow
- Custom oak cupboards, trim and doors
- Double attached & single detached garage
- Located just 15 minutes from Haliburton

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#### Norland Area Home \$269,000

- 2 Storey Royal home w/att garage
- 3 bdrms, master w/ensuite & Jacuzzi
- Partially finished bsmt
- Landscaped, 1.53 acres

David Lee 286-2138 x 27



#### Private Paradise \$499,000

- 400 acres with small private lake
- Very private property but close to town
- Cozy cottage with drilled well & septic
- Ideal hunt camp or private retreat

Erin Nicholls 457-2128 x 34



#### Wilberforce Area \$59,000

- 1000 sq foot house in need of repair.
- Selling AS IS condition
- Lovely 8.8 acre parcel w/stream
- Well established trail system - ideal for 4-Wheel exploration

Karen Nimigon 457-2128 x 29



#### Minden Cty Rd 21, \$165,000

- 2 bdrm. raised brick bung., hardwood flrs,
- Sep. dining & fam. rms, screened porch
- New uninstalled windows will stay for buyer
- Shed, lots of parking, yr. rnd. rd., convenient.

Dawn Poissant 457-2128 x 31



#### Area of Fine Homes \$575,000

- 175ft NW Exp. - Miles of Boating on Boshkung
- Great Home for Entertaining - 3000 sq ft of Living Space
- XLarge Garage with a Fantastic 750 sq ft Loft Above
- Beautifully Landscaped .69 acre Lot with Circular Driveway

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#### Drag Lake \$1,049,000

- Just over 2 acres on prestigious Drag Lake
- 468' frontage with coveted western exp.
- Big lake view; tremendous privacy; sand beach
- 3 bed, 2 bath log home with detached garage

Greg Stamp 457-2128 x 28



#### Home Sweet Home \$315,900

- Gorgeous country setting yet in town home
- 4 BRs and 2 1/2 baths, main floor laundry
- Main floor family room, lower level rec rm
- 2 car garage, beautiful lot and super yard

Kim Stamp 457-2128 x 24



#### Boat Into Town! \$319,000

- Close to Haliburton Village and amenities
- Grass Lake - part of the 5 Lake Chain!
- 3 BR suite upstairs; 1 BR suite downstairs
- Great Location! Great opportunity!

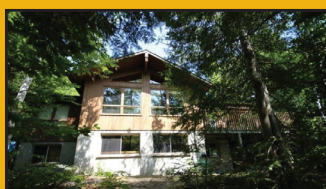
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#### Little Boshkung Lake \$579,000

- 5 Bedrooms/3 baths, 2700 + square feet
- Hardwood floors, cathedral ceiling
- Full finished walk-out basement
- 108' Frontage with SW exposure, level lot

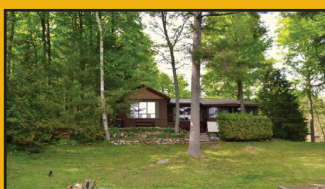
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#### Sunsets on Boshkung \$649, 000

- Lovingly built & maintained year round
- Access to Boshkung/12 Mile Lake chain
- 3 bdrms, 1.5 baths w/whirlpool tub
- 151' of hard sand beach mixed with rock outcrops

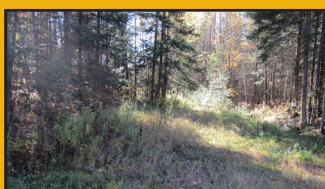
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#### Stormy Lake \$349 000

- Lrg 4-season, 4 BR cottage; 2 garages & bunkie
- Private lot; SW facing, child-friendly shoreline
- Quiet part of the lake across from Crown Land
- Stone Fireplace, laundry, drilled well, metal roof

Andrea Wilson 457-2128 x 25



#### Tamarack Lake \$45,000

- 4 acre building lot with deeded access
- Mixed bush, rock outcroppings, pond at rear
- Level building site, driveway area cleared
- Year round private road

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#### Highway 118 \$244,900

- Spacious 3 BDRM, 2 Bath home
- Heat pump, Woodstove, AC, Central Vac
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- Private 3.4 acre lot

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